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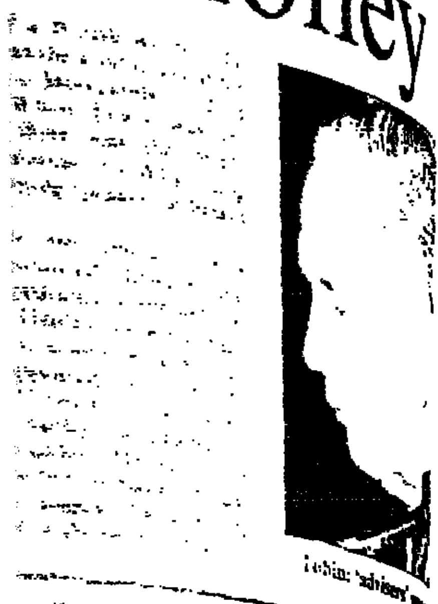

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National Power chief's 58% increase

Major attacks huge pay rises for executives

By Nicholas Wood and Martin Waller

JOHN Major yesterday broke his silence on the controversy over big pay rises for the heads of newly privatised industries and condemned the 58 per cent increase awarded to the chief executive of National Power.

Five privatised utilities have announced increases of 35 per cent or more for senior executives in the past month, embarrassing the government at a time when it is calling for wage restraint. Details of John Baker's £135,000 package emerged yesterday as Southern Water disclosed that its chairman had received a 50 per cent rise.

In the Commons, Roy Hattersley asked the prime minister if he would join him in condemning Mr Baker's increase. Mr Major replied: "Yes sir", adding: "I made it perfectly clear when I was chief secretary (to the Treasury) some years ago that I do not believe excessive salary increases are right, and that remains my view."

But he insisted that the government would not use its 40 per cent shareholding in National Power to overturn the increase. Mr Hattersley, deputising for Neil Kinnock who was in Germany, retorted that if the prime minister was not prepared to act, his condemnation was no more than "feeble public relations".

In refusing to interfere, the prime minister pointed to the prospectus that was issued when National Power was sold. That included a government pledge not to intervene in commercial decisions. The prospectus also named the independent non-excutive directors who would set salaries and reported their recommendation that directors' pay be increased "to levels which are more appropriate to a private sector company".

Mr Baker defended his increase, which came as his workforce considered action over an 8.9 per cent offer, as being in line with industry as a whole and as "on the low side" compared with the heads of other big companies. "This is a competitive business in a competitive market," he said, adding that for nine months he had fulfilled a double role while National Power sought a chairman.

But Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, said Mr Baker's pay rise could not be justified. "The rise is just another porduct of the fatal combination of greed with opportunity," he said. "The directors supply the greed and the government has supplied them with the opportunity."

Mr Dobson last night wrote to Mr Major urging the government to call Mr Baker and his board to account. He reminded the prime minister that as recently as a month ago, he had urged company directors to exercise restraint over their pay and John Wakeham, the energy secretary, had said it was for companies to defend their decisions to their shareholders.

Downing Street made clear last night that the government had no wish to return to the "bad old days" of political interference, but sources suggested that company chiefs enjoying the freedom of the private sector of the first time would be well advised to exercise some of the discretion shown by older hands in the privatisation business, such as Lord King of Wartnaby, chairman of British Airways, who has taken a pay cut. Ministers recognise that the big increases in the midst of recession are tarnishing the image of priatisation.

In the Commons, Mr Major staunchly defended the decision to sell off the big utilities of power, water, gas and telecommunications. Privatisation had been carried out in the interest of customers and they had benefited from the transfer to the private sector. Electricity prices had fallen over the past seven years in real terms, prices in the privatised gas industry had fallen by 11 per cent, British Telecom prices had dropped by 20 per cent, and 95 per cent of its callboxes now worked. "None of that happened when it was in public ownership."

National Power yesterday reported a pre-tax provit of £479 million, slightly more than that projected in the privatisation prospectus, and Southern Water £97.1 million. Mr Baker's pay rise was announced as Southern Water disclosed that its chairman, Bill Courtney, had received a 50 per cent increase, taking his income for the year to March to £120,000.

Other big pay rises announced recently included 66 per cent for Robert Evans, the British Gas chairman, Robert Evans, whose income rose to £370,000 in 1990-1; 43 per cent for Iain Vallance of British Telecom, who earned £536,000; and 35 per cent for John Harris, the chairman of East Midlands Electricity, who received £90,500.

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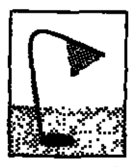

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Rain dance: Martina Navratilova yesterday, celebrating her 100th singles victory at Wimbledon since she first played there in 1973. The nine-times champion struggled to defeat Elna Reinach of South Africa. Matches started promptly but rain interrupted play, and the first match will begin at 11am today, the earliest start in the championships' history. Hot spot, page 20; Match reports, pages 39,40

Yugoslav republics race to independence

By Our Foreign Staff

YUGOSLAVIA was tipped towards new unrest yesterday when the the rebellious republic of Croatia voted to become independent. The neighbouring republic of Slovenia held an even more radical vote later last night to sever all ties with the country.

Croatian officials said their republic would consider itself part of Yugoslavia for the time being. The Croatian parliament in the republic's capital, Zagreb, voted overwhelmingly to become an independent and sovereign state, annul most federal laws on its soil and "disassociate" from the crumbling federation.

The independence legislation was rushed through both republics' parliaments a day earlier than planned and is expected to cause deep concern in the rest of Europe. America said that it would not recognise the independence declarations by the Yugoslav republics.

The votes may have been brought forward in an attempt to undermine any reaction by the federal government.

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MPs will get free travel to Europe

All backbenchers will be allowed two free trips a year to Brussels or Strasbourg, whatever their business there. Andrew Pierce reports

Whatever the outcome of the European summit in Luxembourg on Friday, political integration is about to come a litle closer with the news that MPs are to be given free travel to Brussels and Strasbourg.

In a move that was immediately denounced by the Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor as "a shameful waste of taxpayers' money" the Treasury is for the first time to set aside up to £500,000 a year for MPs to fly to and from the institutions of the EC. The sum would include accommodation and subsistence costs. Backbench MPs are likely to be restricted to two free trips a year.

Free telephone and fax services are to be set up between Westminster and the EC in Brussels, Luxembourg and the Strasbourg parliament. The package to allow MPs closer European contacts has been agreed by

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Britain wins EC respite

By Philip Jacobson in Paris and Robin Oakley in London

FRANCE and Germany gave John Major a breathing space yesterday by agreeing that crucial decisions on economic and political union in the European Community should not be taken before the end of the year. Mr Major made clear that Britain will, in any case, insist at the EC summit in Luxembourg on Friday that references to federalism should be removed from any eventual treaty on European political and economic union.

The prime minister told MPs at question time yesterday that federalism meant something different all over Europe. Accused by Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, of isolating Britain in Europe on the question, he won cheers from his side in saying it would be nice if the other Europeans would tell Britain what it meant.

Mr Major said if federalism meant imposed central government, he was against it. If it meant decentralisation, he could live with that.

President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, assured Britain that it need not worry about "ambushes" being sprung at Luxembourg. They agreed that the Luxembourg meeting should be more of a stock-taking exercise, leaving a treaty of union to be adopted at the next summit gathering at Maastricht in December.

Mr Major, who yesterday saw Jacques Santer, the Luxembourg prime minister, in Downing Street to discuss the shape of the European Council agenda, is ready to resist any attempts to press for qualified majority voting in the Council of Ministers on foreign policy, for increased legislative powers for the European parliament, and for the extension of EC competency into social issues including health, tourism and consumer protection.

In a letter sent to his fellow leaders yesterday, Mr Santer said that despite the arguments over the summit agenda he expects the summit under his chairmanship to give "clear guidelines on several big questions". This formula leaves open the possibility of pressure being brought to bear on Britain over its opposition to parts of the draft treaty on political and monetary union.

The next obstacle for Mr Major is today's Commons debate on Europe. Margaret Thatcher told MPs yesterday she was not planning to intervene.

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Soviet army may succumb to a Mac attack

Militiaman's mouthful: a Pushkin Square meal

From Bruce Clark
in Moscow

THE "Mac attack", that well-advertised burst of frenzy that is supposed to afflict cravers after hamburgers in squishy buns, may be about to take on a new meaning. If some highly unusual business discussions that took place in Moscow this week bear fruit, then the next time the Red Army (as it used to be known) marches off to war, it could be on stomachs full of large cheeseburgers to go and banana milkshakes.

George Cohon, president of McDonald's Canada and the man who brought fast food to Moscow, has agreed with the head of Soviet armed forces that the Big Mac may be just what the Red Army's notoriously ill-fed squaddies need to supplement their standard diet of buckwheat and dry bread. A corporate spokeswoman rather improbably described her chief's encounter with General Mikhail Moiseyev as a "casual meeting" (over Coke and fries?) at which they "discussed the potential for Moscow McDonald's to supply food services on some large military bases in the USSR".

Mr Cohon is reported to have found the encounter "very interesting" and to have agreed that experts on both sides should looks into the details. The general told Tass he was ready for "broad cooperation" with the multinational giant.

In the 15 months since its Soviet branch opened, McDonald's has already become part of the capital's landscape. Its huge "M" sign looms over what used to be Gorky Street, and the name of Pushkin Square no longer conjures up images of fearless demonstrators braving police batons so much as an endless, snake-shaped queue of seekers after hamburgers. But Big Macs in the Red Army? Vladimir Kryuchkov, the KGB chairman, is presumably having apoplexy: last winter, at the height of the food crisis, he accused America of sending "poisoned" wheat under the guise of food aid — and only a few days ago he warned of a massive US conspiracy, which he rumbled as back as far back as 1977, to brainwash Soviet minds.

The discussions with McDonald's are also rather unflattering to the managers of the armed forces' 83 "military farms" who take considerable pride in the efficiency of their operations. The military farms reportedly supply the army with just over a quarter of its meat requirements, one third of its potatoes and vegetables and virtually all its dairy products.

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UK troops to stay in Iraq until Kurds' safety assured

By Robin Oakley

BRITISH troops will not be withdrawn from Iraq until other measures are in place to protect the Kurds, John Major said yesterday. The prime minister told Cranley Onslow, chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 committee, that the 3,000 troops would not be pulled out until the Kurds were given suitable assurances on their safety.

Mr Major said these assurances were "firstly, an effective UN force on the ground; secondly, clear warnings to Iraq that any renewed repression will meet the severest response; thirdly a continuing deterrent military presence in the region to back-up those warnings, and the maintenance of sanctions against Iraq". MPs cheered when he added: "Without these, we will not leave."

As the United States runs down its involvement in Iraq, Britain is urging the United Nations to install more quickly its own observers to protect the Kurds. Mr Major and President Mitterrand of France are expected to urge other European Community leaders at the Luxembourg summit this weekend to help meet the UN appeal for cash to pay for the operation.

M Mitterrand said after his meeting with Mr Major in Dunkirk on Monday that there had been a considerable convergence of their views on the need for vigilance over the Kurds and on the necessity for providing the means to continue that vigilance. Questions had been put to the Iraqi government and future action would depend on the nature of its replies.

Britain has been pulling out the troops originally involved in bringing the Kurdish refugees down from the mountains but is retaining the forces which were installed to guard them against possible attacks by President Saddam Hussein's forces in Iraq. As Mr Major confirmed yesterday, it was never intended to maintain a permanent British presence in the region, but these troops will stay until an alternative is in place.

Ministers have been negotiating with allies to put together an "over the horizon" deterrent force which would be kept in the area to react swiftly to any Iraqi persecution of the Kurds.

Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, yesterday visited Margaret Thatcher at her London office to brief the former prime minister on government efforts to help the Kurds.

- **Sarsank, Iraq:** Coalition troops in the safe havens of northern Iraq are complaining that Western political leaders are dithering over when and to what extent Western forces should be withdrawn (Andrew Finkel writes).

Some British troops who had earlier been withdrawn to Turkey have crossed back into the safe haven. According to coalition officers the decision to recommit the forces was taken at the political level a week ago. "The mission is not over," the allies' official spokesman in Iraq said.

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Two seized after bomb injures 20

By Paul Wilkinson

POLICE seized two young men in a Belfast street yesterday seconds after a bomb was thrown into a nearby police station causing an explosion that injured 20 people. Officers in plain clothes chased the men and rugby-tackled them after the attack.

The bomb, which went off as the road was crowded with lunchtime shoppers, seriously injured two Royal Ulster Constabulary officers and a civilian. Another 17 civilians caught in the explosion at the Queen Street RUC station needed hospital treatment.

A witness said that immediately after the blast he saw two men on the ground. One was being held at gunpoint and the other was being sat on by a man in civilian clothes.

The RUC said that one of the injured officers suffered leg wounds and the other injuries to his arms and legs. Police were last night questioning two suspects.

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Duke joins compensation fight for injured guardsmen

The duke: has shown keen interest in case

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of Edinburgh has joined the campaign to win compensation from the defence ministry for three Grenadier guardsmen who lost their legs when an old training shell exploded two years ago.

Acting in his capacity as colonel of the Grenadier Guards, the duke has made clear that he supports the regiment in its efforts on the soldiers' behalf.

The three soldiers, Lance-Corporal John Ray, aged 24, from Bristol, Guardsmen Adrian Hicks, aged 23, from Lincoln, and Sean Povey, aged 21, from Willinghall, Staffordshire, were refused compensation after the Treasury solicitor and senior counsel ruled that the ministry was not legally liable for the injuries sustained.

The soldiers were hit by a 72mm shell as they were digging a trench on a training exercise in Canada in July 1989. The explosion blew off their legs below the knee.

The disclosure of the support came from Captain George Rocke, his equerry, who said in a letter to a campaigner: "His Royal Highness has shown a keen interest in this case. Prince Philip has been fully briefed on the matter and supports the regiment in its efforts to fight for the three guardsmen."

Battle goes on for ignored victims of military accidents

THE defence ministry is preparing today to process claims for compensation for death and injury in the Gulf caused by alleged negligence.

Servicemen who were injured by negligence before 1986 cannot claim compensation.

Victims' case highlighted, from *The Times* of March 18

Captain Rocke, writing to Frederick Crowton, aged 69, a former craftsman with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, who was attached to the guards, added that he was shocked at the way the Ministry of Defence seemed to have washed its hands of the men. Mr Crowton said at his home in Perry Common, Birmingham: "We hope this will help to shame the ministry into doing something. Their attitude is diabolical."

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said that the duke "takes a keen interest in the welfare of soldiers in the regiment", adding: "This is not the Duke of Edinburgh having a battle with the Ministry of Defence; he is purely supporting his regiment."

John Major announced last week that he would look into the three soldiers' case but emphasized it would be on legal grounds only.

Both Cpl Ray and Guardsman Povey are still in the army and are being paid their normal salaries. Guardsman Ray has now started a resettlement course. Mr Hicks has left the army with a tax-free service-attributable pension, a terminal grant and a tax-free social security war pension.

Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, was criticised last week for saying that the men did not need legs for some office jobs.

The plight of the three soldiers was first highlighted in *The Times* on April 29. The defence ministry said that each case was treated on its merits.

The principal difficulty was proving who was liable for their injuries, since it is not known whether it was the Canadians or British who fired and left the shell in the ground at the army training area at Suffield in Canada.

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Liverpool council ready to give up tower block control

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LIVERPOOL'S Labour-run council is today expected to approve talks with the government on a multi-million pound facelift for the city's run-down tower blocks.

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is prepared to grant the city aid running into tens of millions of pounds if it agrees to a radical scheme to hand control of many of its 71 high-rise blocks of flats to a housing action trust.

The trust would be the third, and largest, established since legislation three years ago that gave council tenants the right to opt out of council ownership. A trust has been approved in Hull and a decision to set one up in Waltham Forest is expected shortly. In a related move, substantial sums from the government Housing Corporation's £2 billion budget could be made available to housing associations in Liverpool to bring some of the city's 5,500 empty properties back into use.

If it agrees a feasibility study today the council would be making its second dramatic decision within a week to fall in with Conservative policies. It follows the move to privatise refuse collection services with the French-owned Onyx UK to empty the city's bins from August 1.

Despite Labour's coolness towards the trust it will be portrayed as a further sign of the moderate Labour administration's determination to tackle Liverpool's long-standing difficulties. It also follows a change in the environment department's approach to housing since Mr Heseltine's return to the government.

After the disappointing response to earlier trust plans, with ballots going against ownership switches, the government is now looking for deals in which the council at least takes a neutral attitude. According to informed sources, Mr Heseltine's "less confrontational" policies towards local authorities have been responsible for bringing him to the brink of a deal that would have been unthinkable when Militant dominated the council leadership.

If the Hull model is followed, the board will consist of 11 members, with the chairman and five members appointed by the secretary of state, three chosen by the council and two by the tenants. The aim is to retain a serious degree of council involvement.

Council officials said yesterday the council had no money available to spend on improving the blocks. A report before members will put the estimated cost of comprehensive improvements at between £2 million and £3 million per block. Bill Owen, chairman of the housing committee, said yesterday: "If we are to rescue these blocks then we have to look at ways in which we can gain government money."

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MP accused of betrayal over Militant backing

LABOUR yesterday accused one of its Liverpool MPs of betraying the party and handing its opponents a gift in the crucial Walton by-election for backing Militant in a Commons speech (Philip Webster writes).

John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, and Peter Kilfoyle, the Walton candidate, condemned remarks by Terry Fields, MP for Broadgreen, in which he opposed redundancies ordered by the Labour-run city council to try to balance its books.

By stopping just short of backing the Broad Left candidate Lesley Mahmood, Mr Fields avoided an offence that would have lost him the Labour whip in the Commons. If he oversteps the mark any further, that course will be considered and there is likely to be growing pressure on Neil Kinnock from Labour MPs to remove him as a candidate at the general election.

Mr Kilfoyle yesterday disowned Mr Fields, one of two Militant-supporting MPs on the Labour benches. He said that he totally disagreed with Mr Fields "and what he stands for in those comments on Liverpool". He said the people of Liverpool were sick and tired of the city being used as a "political laboratory".

Binmen turn to task of clearing backlog

REFUSE workers in Liverpool yesterday began clearing the 12,000-tonne backlog of rotting rubbish caused by their work to rule, as Harry Rimmer, leader of the council, appealed to trade unions to end the strikes disrupting the city (Ronald Faux writes). The action was futile, he said, failing to achieve its objective and was only causing hardship and discomfort.

A meeting of the binmen agreed to return to normal working, with 28 hours' overtime, to clear emergency dumps and rubbish-clogged alleyways. The deal will add two hours to a working day for the next two weeks, with double time for Sundays. The men will be paid a £150 bonus on July 5 if most of the rubbish has been collected.

On July 31 the rubbish-clearing contract goes to a French-owned company, and 461 binmen, drivers and support staff will be redundant. Fewer than half expect to be employed by the company.

The council reported yesterday that about 550 staff were on strike, 200 of them employed by the treasury. [illegible] services were disrupted by security [illegible], social service and housing department workers called out in protest at compulsory redundancy faced by 180 workers.

Up and away: Liverpool binmen returning to work yesterday to begin clearing the 12,000-tonne build-up of rubbish in the city caused by their overtime ban

One mortgage-holder in 12 is in arrears, Shelter says

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ONE in 12 of Britain's nine million home owners with mortgages is in arrears and repossessions have more than doubled in the past year, according to figures published by the housing charity Shelter yesterday.

The figures, in the charity's magazine *Roof*, show that arrears and repossessions reached record levels in the year from March 1990 to March 1991 and are still rising.

Although the number of loans in arrears for up to six months has increased substantially, arrears of six months or more show an even more dramatic rise, up by 140 per cent from 87,360 to 209,620. The total number of people in arrears in March was 784,900, representing 8.3 per cent of loans, compared with 531,900, or 5.7 per cent of loans, the previous March.

During the same period, repossessions increased from 20,640 to 47,940. The magazine's figures were compiled by Janet Ford of Warwick university in research funded by the Bank of England.

Commenting on the figures, Tim Dwelly, deputy editor of *Roof*, said that the doubling of the number of home owners with arrears of six months or more suggested that lenders were reluctant to repossess homes while the market was subdued. "But an improvement in the housing market towards the end of the year could trigger up to 200,000 repossessions, creating an unprecedented explosion in homelessness."

The low level of social housing being built meant that councils and housing associations would be unable to cope with such a sudden surge in demand.

He said that the 35,000 new homes built by the public sector in 1990-1 were already outnumbered by the 48,000 repossessions recorded. Now that interest rates were falling, the big rise in arrears suggested that the recession was beginning to replace high repayments as the primary cause of mortgage debt.

In the present circumstances, Miss Ford says, any belief that an upturn in the housing market is all that is needed may be misplaced, at least in the short term.

"If defaulters and lenders attempt to sell in any numbers, they alone have the potential to flood the market, reversing any upward trend in house prices, so worsening their position further," she said. "Without the prospect of a sale, arrears will continue to grow in many cases."

Sir George Young, housing minister, said repossessions happened in a minority of arrears cases. On BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, he said home ownership remained a good long-term investment for most, and that the pressure on home owners would recede as the interest rate fell.

He advised those facing difficulties to contact their lender immediately. "There are a variety of solutions available well before repossession becomes an option."

Bank quote misleading

THE TSB was given a conditional discharge for two years by Exeter magistrates yesterday for giving a misleading mortgage quotation. The bank admitted that it had not included the total amount to be repaid, as required under the Consumer Credit Act.

A trading standards officer, posing as a customer, received the quotation from a TSB branch in Exmouth, Devon, said Martin Leigh, prosecuting for Devon county council. Anthony Peto, for the defence, said the charge was a technicality because the quotation included the monthly payments; the total repayment could easily be worked out.

The TSB was earlier cleared of offering starter mortgages with misleading interest rates.

Home to be closed after drug claims

By JILL SHERMAN
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A PRIVATE children's nursing home where disturbed youngsters were drugged against their will is to close, it was announced yesterday.

Langton House, near Swanage, Dorset, owned by AMI Healthcare, is the second home for seriously disturbed children where evidence has emerged of drugs being administered forcibly.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, announced on Monday that three senior managers had been suspended at the government-run St Charles youth treatment centre in Brentwood, Essex, after a teenage girl was injected with tranquillisers against her will.

Staff at Langton House had been criticised by health inspectors for their rigid behaviour modification programme, which included periods of isolation and the occasional use of forceful drug administration. The home is due to close on July 19.

Car maker cuts prices for August

By KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

NISSAN is to cut the cost of its cars by an average 10 per cent, taking as much as £3,800 from showroom sticker prices and signalling the start of the most bitter price war so far seen by the motor industry.

Other big car firms are refusing to disclose whether they would follow the move by Nissan — Britain's fifth largest car manufacturer — but worsening sales indicate that they will be forced to do so within a few weeks.

Sales of new cars are down by almost a quarter this year, and dealers have been unofficially cutting prices by up to £1,500 for a mid-range saloon.

In spite of government reassurances that the recession has bottomed out, the motor industry fears that no end to its problems is in sight. The Retail Motor Industry Federation said that demand for cars with "J" registration plates could be 350,000, compared to sales of more than 433,000 in August last year and over half a million in 1989.

Labour to review teaching standards

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS, teachers, and governors will, if Labour wins the next general election, be able to take their complaints about the way a school is run to a national Education Standards Commission, which will have the power to dismiss poor teachers.

To improve standards every school and college, whether state or independent, will be inspected every five years, in addition to regular published interim reviews, Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said yesterday.

The existing education establishment would be drastically changed under Labour's plan; the 500 school inspectors (Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools) would be transferred to the commission to work alongside 2,500 inspectors employed by local authorities.

The commission would take over some of the functions of the National Curriculum Council and the Schools' Examination and Assessment Council.

The commission would have 10 to 15 members appointed by the education secretary but approved by the all-party Commons science and education committee.

Under Labour's plan, which would be introduced during its first year in government, local education authorities would have to monitor and inspect all schools and colleges, establishing policies for raising standards where schools had failed to meet agreed targets. All reports, including examination results and follow-ups on how the main recommendations had been dealt with, would be published.

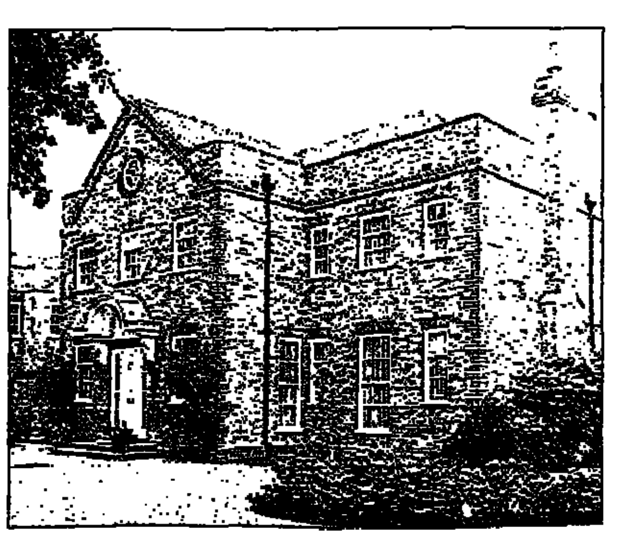
Mr Straw said Labour's plan was unlikely to be more expensive than present arrangements as it would rely on the redeployment of resources. The one-off start-up cost was estimated at less than £10 million.

Pointing out that the last two reports from the head of the inspectors had said that one-third of children in state schools were getting a raw deal, Mr Straw said: "While there will always be room for argument about exactly where standards are now, there must be little disagreement that standards could and should be higher."

● Peter Moores, the football pools millionaire, has donated £2 million to his old university to launch Oxford's school of management studies (John O'Leary writes). The donation by the Peter Moores Foundation, with £3 million from Sir John Templeton, has put the university on the way to a target of £40 million by 1994.

The money will be used to enlarge Templeton College, established after a previous gift from Sir John, and to recruit another 30 academics. Sir John, a British citizen born in the US and who lives in the Bahamas, is also an Oxford graduate. He founded the Templeton group of investment funds.

Thatchers' Dulwich retreat on sale for £675,000



VIP residence: the four-bedroom house that was owned by the Thatchers for five years

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE neo-Georgian house for sale in Hambledon Place, Dulwich, southeast London, may not have a blue plaque adorning its facade, but it is no ordinary Barratt home.

After five years of ownership, Margaret Thatcher and her husband Sir Denis are selling up and moving to the more fashionable, and more central, location of Chester Square. They have instructed the estate agent Keith Cardale Groves to put the four-bedroom house on the market at £675,000.

The Thatchers paid about £400,000 in 1986 for what is one of the largest of the 20 or so houses on Barratt's development in Dulwich, set between the South Circular Road and Dulwich and Sydenham golf course. In today's difficult housing market, the £675,000 price is perhaps optimistic, but Philip Christie, manager of the agent's Mayfair office, said: "It is something unique. No matter what the market is doing generally, there is always going to be demand for a property which has something like this to offer."

When Mrs Thatcher bought the house, she said that the key attraction was the large, fitted kitchen. The next buyer will have the added attraction of the fitted carpets and curtains that the former prime minister chose personally.

A local estate agent sold two houses on the development last year for £575,000 and £550,000, and said that another agent had put a house on sale at £675,000 but had since reduced it. He agreed, however, that the Thatcher house could be a different proposition. "One would expect some sort of premium price for a house that is owned by such a VIP," he said.

Navy to scrap plan for new submarine

By OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Navy plans to design a new nuclear-powered submarine for the next century have been abandoned for lack of money. An announcement about the death of the proposed SSN20 submarine is expected early next month.

The SSN20, which would have been the navy's fastest and quietest submarine, is the latest victim of the defence ministry's "options for change" exercise, which involves cutting back on manpower and equipment to fit a diminishing budget. The next generation nuclear "hunter killer" submarine would have replaced the Swiftsure class boats that first came into service in 1973.

Now the navy has come up with an alternative — an upgrading of the Trafalgar class boat, the navy's latest generation submarine and one of the quietest in the world. The defence ministry is expected to order six of the uprated Trafalgar class boats from the mid-1990s.

An upgraded Trafalgar would involve using the same hull but installing more advanced weapons, sonars and sensors. The pressurised water reactor being developed for the Trident ballistic missile submarine may be used to power the submarines.

One source said: "We have a good platform in the Trafalgar Class, so it makes sense to update the systems, if we cannot have a new boat."

Richard Sharpe, editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships*, criticised the anticipated decision, which could be announced in the defence white paper early next month, as "a poor man's compromise". He added: "The last Trafalgar was ordered in January 1986, which means there will be a 10-year gap between orders with all the implications of technological changes."

Spycatcher ban 'a blow to freedom'

The ban obtained by the government on the publication of *Spycatcher* was a wholly inappropriate and unjustified interference with freedom of expression in Britain, the European Court of Justice was told yesterday.

Opening what is seen as a test case on freedom of speech, Anthony Lester, QC, said that the year-long ban on publication of *Spycatcher* by the media in the UK was a drastic interference of that right.

He was outlining the challenge brought by Times Newspapers and Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, over the injunction obtained by the government that stopped the media publishing extracts of the memoirs of Peter Wright, a former MI5 officer, even though it was a worldwide bestseller.

The injunction was a breach of article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which protects freedom of expression, he said.

Queen's award

Anne Neal, information officer at Buckingham Palace, who retires this week after 29 years' service, was yesterday invested by the Queen as a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, the sovereign's personal gift. Mrs Neal was closely involved in the BBC's *Royal Family* film in 1969 and in the filming of next year's BBC documentary to mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

Watchdog call

A national watchdog agency to monitor the disposal of millions of tonnes of hazardous waste each year is needed urgently, the British Medical Association says in a report published today. It says the government has no national strategy to deal with the materials, and estimates that about five million tonnes of such waste is produced in Britain each year, excluding radioactive materials.

Royal circles

Two corn circles and a 10-metre square have appeared on land belonging to the Prince of Wales. Dr Terence Meaden, leading the Anglo-Japanese project Operation Bluebill in Wiltshire, said that they were excellent examples and was sure that the prince find them enlightening. The circles at Newton St Loe, near Bath, Avon, were formed three weeks ago but had only just come to light.

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Voice and face of double agent echoes around courtroom 30 years after sentence

Blake speaks in defence of pair who helped him

By Lin Jenkins

THE voice and face of the double agent George Blake echoed around number one courtroom at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, 30 years after he was sentenced there to 42 years in prison.

He spoke on videotape from the safety of his Moscow flat in defence of the two men accused of aiding his escape from Wormwood Scrubs, harbouring him and helping him to flee the country.

Michael Randle described how the tape was made last year when he and his fellow accused, Patrick Pottle, their wives and solicitors went to Moscow and drank champagne with Blake in thanks and celebration at the successful execution of the plot a quarter of a century ago. Blake, with an undertone of a Russian accent, sat bespectacled, balding and bearded, in a suit and tie, as he read a prepared statement in which he admitted revealing the names of secret agents but referred only briefly to the popular notion that the years of his sentence reflected the lives lost through his activities.

The jury watched in silence as the recording ran on three screens. Blake, aged 68, sitting on a sofa by a coffee table, bowed his head for his prepared statement and gave his address as care of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Profsowunaya Street, Moscow. At the end of the video, Julian Bevan, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury: "The Crown does not accept that statement as to its truth and accuracy in its entirety."

Mr Randle, aged 57, a peace studies researcher, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, and Mr Pottle, aged 52, a former antiques dealer of Crouch End, north London, have pleaded not guilty to aiding the escape, conspiring with Sean Bourke, now deceased, to harbour him, and assisting him with the intention of preventing his arrest. Examined by Mr Pottle, as the pair are conducting their own case, Mr Randle described Mr Blake for the first time since dropping him off on an East Berlin autobahn.

"I met him outside the hotel because as a Soviet citizen he was not allowed to enter except as a guest. The snowflakes were coming down and this man in a large sombrero-type hat came up to me and said: 'This is extraordinary, this is amazing'." He described how he was charmed by his second wife and met Misha, his teenage son, who was studying at Moscow university, before drinking glasses of champagne together.

Mr Randle claimed that Blake was not a colonel in the KGB and denied he had any connection with security services. "He works at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations and edits the English version of their year book. It is one of three major think tanks in the Soviet Union which have supported the reforms and upon which Gorbachev has relied upon in instituting these reforms."

He conceded that the pair had done all the things they were accused of. "We did help, albeit in a minor capacity, in the escape of George Blake from Wormwood Scrubs. We helped with finances and planning. We did harbour him and we did spirit him out of the country.

"However, we feel what we did was right in principle and in law. We have been faced with the stick of a possibly longer sentence if we are found guilty and we have been offered the carrot of a deal whereby the main charge would be dropped if we pleaded guilty to one of the less severe charges. We believe we have a defence and that this should be put to the jury and it should be the jury that decides guilty or innocence."

Mr Randle said that he had at no time approved of what Blake had done, but said other people were known to have been responsible for death in carrying out their work for the security services but received honours rather than imprisonment for their efforts.

The hearing continues today.

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Blake in 1953 (left), and (right) reading his statement in Moscow, flanked by solicitors for Randle and Pottle

What Blake said

George Blake's statement:

❝I was a member of the British secret intelligence service from August 1944 until the day of my trial, May 3, 1961. I was engaged in secret subversive operations directed against the Soviet Union, the Stalinist countries and world communism. It was my task to attempt the recruitment of Soviet citizens, and in particular members of the Soviet intelligence services and those of other socialist countries.

I have been advised by the solicitors acting for Mr Pottle and Mr Randle that because of the operation of the British Official Secrets Act I can say no more than that.

It was said my actions led to the deaths of British and other agents. I can confirm that at my trial it was never alleged that in working for both the British secret intelligence service and the Soviet intelligent service I was ever responsible for the deaths of agents. However, I do not deny that I disclosed the identity of a number of agents to the Soviet authorities.

After my conviction I was sent to Wormwood Scrubs, where in 1962 I first met Pottle and Randle. I can confirm that neither Pottle nor Randle were at any time in contact with the Soviet authorities or acting on their behalf in helping me escape in 1966 from Wormwood Scrubs. Nor did they receive any financial assistance or reward at any stage for their assistance. Indeed, I had to explain to the Soviet authorities once I arrived in Moscow who these two men were and why they chose to assist me.

There never was any doubt in my mind that Pottle and Randle acted as they did out of purely humanitarian concern and specifically because of the length of my sentence. I say this as they repeatedly commented on the harshness of the sentence.

Furthermore, both men asked me to intervene on behalf of two well-known Soviet dissidents imprisoned at the time, Mr Daniel and Mr Sinyavsky.

I should like to conclude this statement by saying that I am deeply grateful to Mr Pottle and Mr Randle for having enabled me to lead a normal life over the last 24 years.❞

Baker presses police to build on quality

By Quentin Cowdry and Stewart Tendler

THE police should answer their critics by pursuing a "quality crusade" and strengthening their traditional community links, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said last night in a speech which set out the government's agenda for the service in the 1990s.

To the disappointment of some senior policemen and Tory backbenchers who have been hoping that ministers would press for a fundamental shake-up of the police, he spelled out why the government would not go into the election committed to a more centralised policing structure. A national police force, he said, would breed wasteful bureaucracies and would be vulnerable to undue government influence.

Instead, police needed to build yet stronger bridges with local communities, to embrace "quality of service" as a central ideal and to expand crime prevention. Addressing the Police Federation in London, he said that to meet the first two goals, more authority had to be devolved to local commanders and more information had to be collated and published on the 75 per cent of police work which did not relate to crime detection.

Mr Baker, who admitted that rising crime and a string of miscarriages of justice had seriously undermined public confidence, was speaking on the eve of today's Home Office figures which will show that recorded crime in England and Wales rose by 18 per cent in the year to April 1991, compared with the previous year.

The statistics will be construed by Opposition MPs as another sign of the government's alleged failure to fund the police adequately and to tackle what they believe are the underlying roots of crime, such as unemployment and poor public services. Mr Baker, however, said the figures were no real indicator of police performance and praised a recent leader in *The Times* which dismissed recorded crime statistics as hopelessly misleading.

Ministers and the inspectors of constabularies wanted forces to publish regularly a wider range of "quality data", which would give details, for example, of the proportion of non-whites arrested or stopped and searched, numbers of complaints received and response times to emergency and other telephone calls from the public.

"Simply to record what amounts to some 25 per cent of police activities as if it was all that mattered presents a grossly distorted picture of what the police do, why they do it, and what the public wants from them," he said.

One way forces could enhance local accountability, he added, was by giving local commanders such as chief inspectors or superintendents more responsibility. Towns and cities needed to have a more visible local police chief.

Smoke alarm plea as six die in fire

By Tim Jones

THE government was yesterday urged to insist on smoke detectors being installed in all houses after a mother and five of her children died in a fire at Kilbirnie, Strathclyde.

Juanita Dunlop, aged 27, died with her children, aged from five to 11, in the early hours of yesterday. The father, Alexander Nimmo, and two other children were taken to hospital. Mr Nimmo, who is critically ill, threw his son Andrew, aged three, from a bedroom window before jumping to safety. His daughter Kelly, aged two, also survived.

John Jamieson, firemaster for Strathclyde, said that a smoke alarm could have saved the six victims. He said that 73 people had died in house fires in Strathclyde last year, 60 per cent of whom could have survived if smoke detectors had been installed. "We believe that every new house should have properly installed smoke detectors," he added.

- Grandparents Roy and Valerie Foxley died early yesterday morning after a fire at their home in Miles Platting, Manchester.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Rescued: Katie, the first of 400 beagles saved from experiments or breeding, went home yesterday with Pamela Mills and her husband Jim of Croydon, south London, who have adopted her. The dogs were bought by the RSPCA after Perrycroft Kennels in Malvern, Worcestershire, went bankrupt this year.

Stolen secrets car 'had silent alarm'

By Peter Victor

AN RAF staff car from which secret defence plans and a computer were stolen was fitted with a silent car alarm, a court martial at RAF Uxbridge heard yesterday.

Wing Commander David Farquhar and Corporal Phillip Bromley, his driver, had stopped at the Car Supermarket showroom in Acton, west London, for less than five minutes when the computer and documents were stolen last December.

The wing commander, formerly personal staff officer to the joint commander-in-chief of British forces in the Gulf, faces a charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and airforce discipline contrary to section 69 of the Air Force Act 1955. If found guilty he faces a maximum sentence of two year's imprisonment and dismissal from the RAF.

Wing Cmdr Farquhar had been on his way back to RAF headquarters strike command after a briefing with the joint commander-in-chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, at the defence ministry in London. Returning to the car, locked and alarmed by Cpl Bromley, he found that three briefcases, one of them containing briefing papers, and his computer had been stolen as well as £1,000 in cash and a miniature colour television. Cpl Bromley told the court martial that an alarm, designed to operate silently — indicating whether the car had been tampered with — had been activated.

He said that Wing Cmdr Farquhar normally friendly and pleasant, had been silent and seemed tired on the day of the theft. On the journey from the defence ministry back to High Wycombe he had fallen asleep in the car.

At the showroom Cpl Bromley had put the cases in the car boot on Wing Cmdr Farquhar's instruction and followed him, he said. Questioned by Nicholas Valios, QC, defending, he admitted that the wing commander had not invited him to follow and and could not recall why he had left the car.

The stolen cases with most of the documents were found in the car park of a store in Greenford, west London. The remainder were found after a police search.

The case continues today.

Cheque book journalism bestows new respectability on the Street of Shame

By Robin Young

THE City of London rewrote the rules of Monopoly yesterday. The corporation, intent on recouping the costs of relabelling its streets, auctioned off 59 lots of its most famous old street names in an unprecedented sale.

Board game players have long been accustomed to the idea that Fenchurch Street and Liverpool Street cost £200 each. Not yesterday, they didn't. The Fenchurch Street signs, seven in the lot, were knocked down at £950, while Liverpool Street's five raised £1,100.

Most startling was the rise in Fleet Street's worth from Monopoly's £220. Six old nameplates from the erstwhile Street of Shame, keenly fought for by representatives of the popular press, fetched a startling £16,000.

The buyers, Associated Newspapers, paid, including VAT and buyer's premium, a total of £20,680, but they were in acquisitive mood and bid up to another £10,000 for Threadneedle Street. Their takeover of the Bank of England's home ground was thwarted, though, by a telephone bidder ready to part with £12,000 for the street's seven signs.

Brian Park, director of corporate affairs at Associated Newspapers, said three of the Fleet Street signs would be placed "as a possible source of inspiration" in the editorial offices of each of the company's three titles, the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday*, and the *Evening Standard*. It had not yet been decided what to do with the other four, but one might be placed in the Northcliffe boardroom. "We are very traditional-minded here," he said, "and Associated are proud to have snapped up Fleet Street."

The condition and number of the old signs, most of them iron-framed rectangles of etched Vitrolite opaque glass weighing up to 30lb each, seemed fairly immaterial to the bidders, although Tower Hill's signs were too damaged to be deemed saleable.

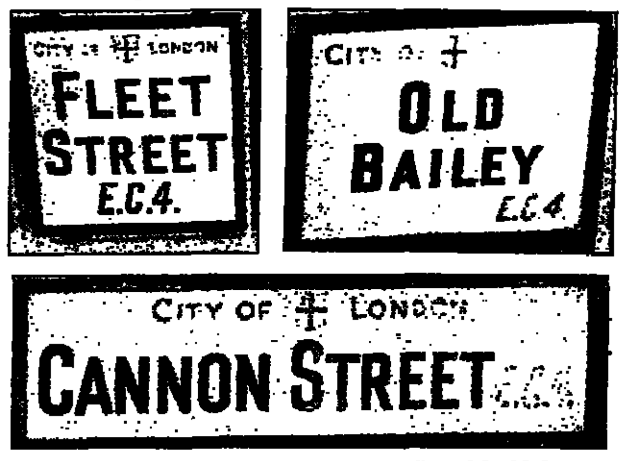
The bargains of the sale included nine Cannon Street signs knocked down at £650 the lot, 13 Queen Street signs for £1,100, nine from Watling Street for £750, ten from West Smithfield at £850, and 11 from Queen Victoria Street that realised £900.

By contrast, a single nameplate from Old Bailey fetched £5,500. The only other one is on permanent loan to the Museum of Law project, having been asked for three years ago, before the City chiefs hit on the idea of selling their street names. Other singletons, from America Square and Whittington Avenue, made £800 and £1,500 respectively. Six Little Britains brought £2,200, four Pudding Lanes £2,200, and five Puddle Docks £1,000.

Christopher Mitchell, chairman of the corporation's planning and communications committee, said the City had spent £335,000 erecting 2,500 new vitreous enamel signs sporting the City of London's crest since realising in 1989 that redevelopment was causing many of the old signs to be lost or damaged.

Mr Mitchell denied that the publicity from yesterday's proceedings, which raised a hammer price total of £83,750, might encourage the rapid removal of new signs from the streets as well, although the point is causing some concern in the City engineer's department.

In any case, the City still has more than 800 of its old signs left to sell. They are on offer, individually or in lots, by postal tender in the next three weeks. Sealed bids have to reach Bonhams by noon on Tuesday, July 9, and names available include Back Passage, Ball Court, Cock Lane, Crutched Friars, Mincing Lane and Trump Street. Is Donald Trump still interested?



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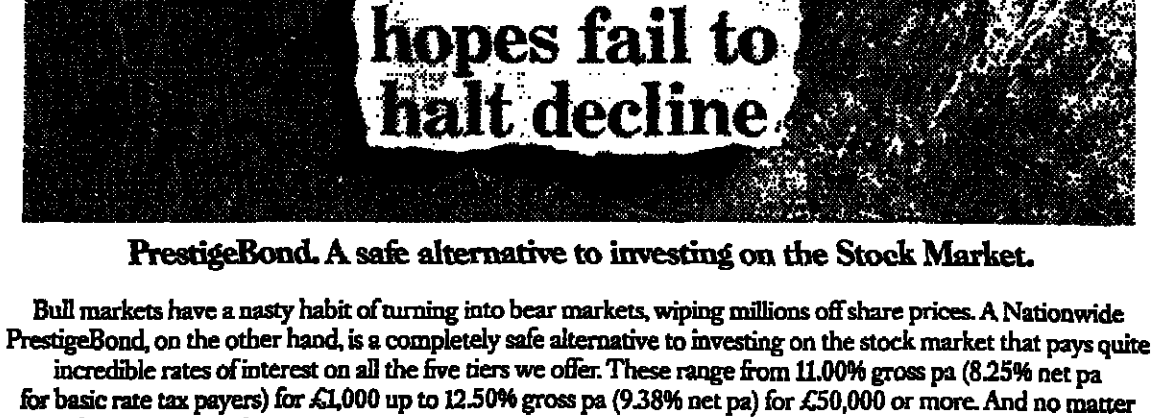

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Farmers are offered £120 an acre for greener land

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

A SCHEME offering farmers payments of up to £120 an acre to conserve and recreate some of England's most cherished, but vanishing, landscapes was launched yesterday by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, with the support of John Gummer, the agriculture minister.

Conservation groups welcomed the idea behind the scheme but said the funds committed by the government, £13 million in the first three years, were far too small and did not match ministers' rhetoric about putting care of the countryside at the heart of agricultural policy.

Mr Heseltine pledged that more funds would be found if the scheme was oversubscribed. He said food production could no longer be the main aim. Farmers must be encouraged to conserve, and not merely to exploit the countryside. He would be pressing hard with Mr Gummer in Brussels to achieve "a genuinely deep green" common agricultural policy.

Mr Gummer said farmers could not carry the whole burden of looking after the countryside and should be supported through public expenditure. "Our agricultural support policies must increasingly recognise this special role of farmers as stewards of the countryside."

Robin Maynard, countryside campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said: "It is a good idea but the money on offer is peanuts when compared to the £1,600 million paid out to British farmers in food production subsidies each year. In 1989-90, for example, Britain spent £14 million on the storage of surplus cereals alone."

The Council for the Protection of Rural England claimed the ministers had been "hobbled" by the Treasury. Andrew Purkis, the council's director, said: "The Treasury was determined that the scheme should be limited and marginal and that incentives of this kind should not become an integral part of agricultural policy."

The Countryside Stewardship scheme, foreshadowed in the environment white paper last September, aims to preserve and restore five especially vulnerable landscapes: chalk and limestone grassland; lowland heath; grazing marshes, water meadows and other riverside landscapes; coastal vegetation; and upland areas.

Annual payments will be available to farmers who enter into 10-year land management contracts with the Countryside Commission. The payments will be higher for farmers who agree not merely to preserve landscapes but to restore them — for example, by allowing intensively cultivated fields to revert to grassland, heath, heather moorland or hay meadows.

There will also be a range of payments for restoring such traditional features as drystone walls, hedgerows, reedbeds and pollarded willows. Farmers will qualify for an extra £20 an acre if they permit public access. Half the population visited the countryside at least 12 times, and 38 per cent more than 25 times, in the past year, according to a poll conducted by the Countryside Commission.

One of the innovations of the scheme is that the incentives will be available throughout England, though not yet Wales or Scotland, and not limited as before to specially designated zones, such as environmentally sensitive areas and sites of special scientific interest.

☐ The contagious "blue ear" pig disease has appeared for the first time in Norfolk, bringing to 22 the number of farms in England now under quarantine, the agriculture ministry disclosed yesterday. Seventeen of the farms are on Humberside, two in County Durham and one each in North Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Norfolk.

In a Commons reply on Monday night, Mr Gummer disclosed that pigs from Humberside, virtually all of which is under quarantine, had been traced to 18 counties in England and to Perthshire in Scotland. The counties are Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Co Durham, Cumbria, Devon, Essex, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Tyne and Wear, Warwickshire, West Yorkshire and Wiltshire.

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Heseltine: food can no longer be the main aim

Race case follows Gulf war

An avionics foreman for British Aerospace who is claiming that he was racially discriminated against by his employers because of an increase in security during the Gulf war takes his complaint to an industrial tribunal today.

Syed Ali Jaffrey, aged 32, who works at BAe's plant in Prestwick, Strathclyde, claims that he was considered a security risk and faced the choice of continuing to work but being searched, or staying off with pay until the end of the war. Mr Jaffrey, who lives in Tarbolton, Strathclyde, came to Britain from Pakistan 14 years ago and is a British national.

Customs choice

The appointment of Sir Brian Unwin, chairman of HM Customs and Excise, as the first British president of the Customs Co-operation Council, the worldwide customs governing body, will be officially announced today.

Pilot remanded

John Wright, aged 41, a helicopter pilot whose aircraft crashed in Staffordshire last June, was remanded by Stafford crown court until July 22. Mr Wright, of Clehonger, Hereford, denies two charges of manslaughter.

Rare find

A £6,000 flood protection scheme to strengthen the banks of the river Otter in Devon has been suspended until August after the work endangered a sand-martin's nest.

Tests for all

All motorists involved in road accidents attended by Dumfries and Galloway police are to be breathtested. The force already offers a freephone service for the public to report drinking drivers.

Mother guilty

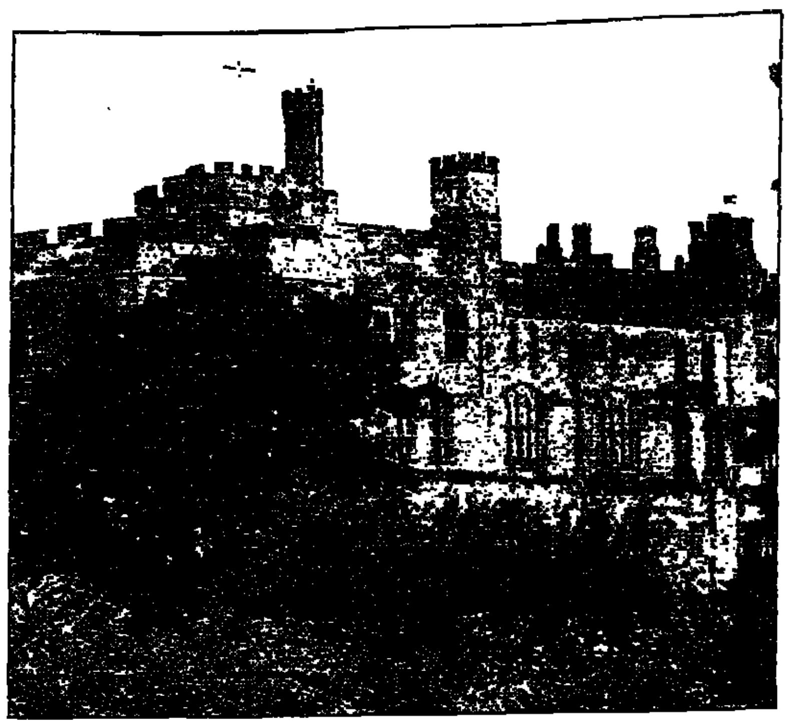
A mother-of-five has been given an absolute discharge by a judge at Reading crown court after being found guilty of trying to abduct two of her children, aged six and ten, who were in care.

Ex-mayor jailed

John Moore, aged 51, a former mayor of Northwich, Cheshire, has been jailed for six years by Knutsford crown court after pleading guilty to two charges of unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl. Three other charges were dropped.

Halt called to march of the fairways

Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire: a further 18-hole golf course proposed together with a new hotel building



Warwick Castle park: proposals for two 18-hole golf courses with a hotel and club house; subject to planning enquiry

Bayham Abbey, Kent: one 18-hole and one nine-hole golf course proposed plus a club house and 20 apartments

Croome Court, Hereford and Worcester: proposals for one 18-hole, one nine-hole golf course and a club house

The green and pleasant landscapes of England's stately homes and parks are being torn apart for golf courses. **Tim Jones** reports on a campaign to stifle the developers

A REPORT to be published next week calls on local planning authorities to use their powers to curb the spread of golf courses on landscaped historic parks, which English Heritage has described as England's most distinctive contribution to European art.

The report, by three historic conservation societies, questions whether the need exists for the additional 1,400 golf courses which have been applied for by business consortia to add to the 1,828 already in existence.

Since the Royal and Ancient Club of St Andrews recommended in 1988 that 691 new courses be built in England before the year 2000, English Heritage has noted an ever-increasing number of applications by landowners to turn estates into bunker-strewn cash crops. Together, if all the applications were granted, they would cover an area the size of the Isle of Wight.

English Heritage believes that the stately homes of England and parkland of historic interest are under threat as landowners and business consortia line up to to send in bulldozers to transform vistas that have been entwined into the natural landscape over hundreds of years. More than 50 proposals for development that affect parks on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest have been lodged.

The famous houses and parklands facing redevelopment include Warwick Castle park, planned by Capability Brown, and Burley-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.

David Jacques, English Heritage head of historic parks and gardens, fears that since the Royal and Ancient report a growing number of applications are aimed not at resolving the nationwide demand for the game but to bring in big returns from the luxury end of the market. Many of the applications merely combine a golf course with grander facilities of luxury country hotel conversions and conference centres.

He says that while historic parkland occupies only about 1 per cent of England, over 5 per cent of applications for golf courses are on parkland. The threat, he says, is now being recognised and planning officers who, five years ago, would have given consent to an application "almost on the nod" are now exercising far more discretion in deciding whether to allow them.

English Heritage says that while consent must be sought for schemes that affect a scheduled ancient monument or the setting for a listed building, gardens and parkland do not have equivalent statutory protection. Construction of a golf course might involve clearing trees, hedgerows and tracks to create fairways, extensive ground modelling and adding ancillary buildings and car parks.

Any development, English Heritage says, should "avoid the loss of key features and essential character, and put the protection, management and repair of the historic landscape on a more assured footing".

The report, by the Georgian Group, the Garden History Society and the Association of Garden Trusts, says that in future there should be a presumption against the development of golf courses in parks registered by English Heritage and in other parks of local importance. It says that as the manufacturing economy withers, leisure and tourism are being seen as the principal prospects for economic regeneration.

"There are rumours that the bottom has dropped out of the country house hotel market. Owners who have already been granted extensions of moderate size are now heard complaining that these are not enough and that their hotels are not viable without another bedroom wing, and no doubt another. Others are simply going bust. Will this be the pattern for the golf course boom?

The report adds: "There are grounds for believing that the huge number of courses now in the pipeline cannot be sustained in practice; but by the time they too go bust many historic landscapes and the buildings in them may well have been irretrievably disfigured."

John Neale, of the Georgian Group said: "Golf courses should not be constructed in parks of historic importance. Indeed, there should always be a presumption against the use of parks for golf and especially against such intensive development as is usually involved."

His report says that far from being a suitable means of using parks and financing their maintenance, golf courses inevitably disrupt parkland, damaging its character and reducing its historic interest. Even their claim to secure the future of such parks is doubtful.

The government's draft policy planning guidance note on conservation areas, to be published soon, should facilitate the designation of historic parks as conservation areas, the report says. It also blames the government for barely mentioning the golf issue in its recent draft guidance note on sport and leisure. "The potential conflict between historic parkland and some forms of leisure activity should be explicitly acknowledged in any policy document of this kind."

Occasionally, the transformation can cause personal distress to those who were familiar with a landscape before planning consent was given to turn them into fairways. When, last March, Michelle Morris visited Orchardleigh Park, near Frome in Somerset, for the first time in four years, she was horrified. "It looked like a battlefield, like the Somme."

Her family, the Duckworths, had lived there for 129 years and before that the estate had, for around 300 years, been owned by the Champneys. Since it was sold for £4.2 million, the estate has changed hands twice and is now on the market because the hoteliers who bought it last have been forced to sell by the banks.

Work on the creation of two golf courses has been halted and the once verdant acres now bear the resemblance of an army tank training course. Mounds of earth now spoil the scene and trenches scar the land. Mrs Morris added: "It is very sad to see what has happened to a landscape which took decades to achieve."

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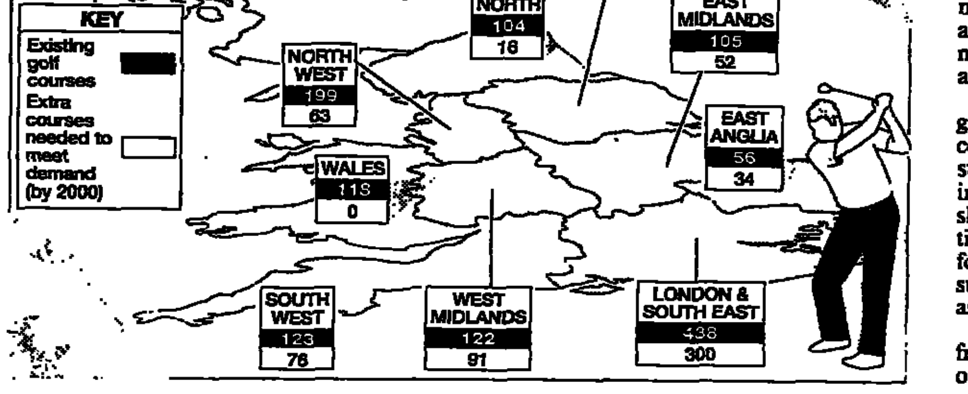

Banned call lines restart despite watchdog

By Ray Clancy

MORE than 350 chatline, adult entertainment and other telephone information lines were removed or amended last year, the industry's regulatory body announced yesterday. However, it admitted it could not stop banned operators starting again with a different name and number.

Louis Blom-Cooper QC, chairman of the independent committee that supervises the standards of telephone information services, which have an annual revenue of about £200 million, said legislation would be needed to stop services such as sex lines; that was not the job of the committee.

Many customers could now have their telephones altered to prevent premium rate dialling, he said, but publicity about this service was not widespread enough. Children running up huge bills on their parents' telephones, adult sex lines and advertising to persuade children to use competition lines and buy products were the most common complaints. One in four related to recorded messages being misleading, illegal, inaccurate or pornographic. Other services such as weather lines, Stock Exchange information and sports results did not attract criticism.

The committee's report for 1989-90 shows a big rise in complaints, from 1,633 to 4,658. Mr Blom-Cooper said that the figures were not surprising considering the increase in the service. There were 360,000 calls a week when the network started in 1986, compared with five million now, bringing in £4 million revenue. The number of lines increased from 16 in October 1986 to 300 in December 1990, operating 15,000 services at any one time. The committee has introduced a compensation scheme for chatline and one-to-one services, which paid out £270,000 in its first year, including a payment of £8,200 to a single parent whose son ran up a huge bill.

"Enforcement is a very big problem," Mr Blom-Cooper said. "We can advise that a line is cut off because it breaches our code of practice but you can pull the line on some operators today and the same people re-emerge under another guise the next day. Given the huge number of lines we are powerless to cover them all and continued vigilance is needed."

Valerie Howarth, a member of the committee and director of Childline, the free national helpline for children, said she was particularly concerned about services aimed at children. In future, promotional material aimed at children must contain a warning that the calls are expensive. Callers should have their parents' permission and there should be no direct appeals to children to buy products.

Blom-Cooper: continued vigilance is needed

Arts bosses turn their skills to the art of fund-raising

The arts world wants more individuals to dig into their pockets, writes Simon Tait

BRITAIN'S arts administrators are learning to tap a seam of money that could bring them millions of pounds: fund-raising.

Representatives of organisations as varied as the Royal Shakespeare Company, English National Ballet, the West Midlands Arts Centre and the Imperial War Museum will be at Birmingham's Metropole Hotel today for the second annual national fund-raising convention.

This fund-raising is not corporate sponsorship but a personal appeal to individual arts lovers.

Stephen Lee, director of the institute of charity fund-raising managers and an organiser of the three-day conference, said: "There is a latent potential for enormous fund-raising activity in all arts companies, from community groups to major national companies.

"They are good at making crisis-based appeals, such as the Young Vic's (which raised £100,000 in six weeks last summer), but they have to translate the raw material they have, such as mailing lists, into a traditional, established donor base."

Perdita Hunt, sponsorship director for the Arts Council, said: "Arts organisations are waking up to the value of individual giving. Computerised box office systems enable us to identify, pursue and look after potential donors." The government's gift aid system of tax breaks introduced last year is helping, but its threshold of £800 is often too high for individuals."

Last year English National Opera set up a unit to deal with individual donations. The first project was a direct appeal to the audience from the stage to finance its current production of Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtensk*. It raised £87,600. "They want to give, but they want to give to a project," John Nickson, ENO's development director said. This year £150,000 will come from fund-raising, with £500,000 in 1994 as the aim.

The Royal Opera House has had some fund-raising success and the Victoria and Albert Museum started its patrons scheme in April as a long-term project to create a club of potential donors.

Among organizations represented at today's conference are the Royal Armouries, which needs £35 million to pay for the collection's move to Leeds, and the Albert Hall, which is expected to announce an £80 million redevelopment plan.

But the richest untapped seam is legacy, and law firms are being encouraged to become friends of arts organisations so they can pass the word to their often cash-poor but asset-rich clients.

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Isolated farmers get taste of power

By Peter Davenport

IN THE low-beamed kitchen of Tennant Gill farmhouse high in the Yorkshire Dales, Ann Cowperthwaite yesterday celebrated the arrival of unlimited electricity with an elaborate lunch for 30 people.

For the past 10 years she has had to run her home and family of three boys on power supplied by a noisy, expensive diesel generator for only a few hours each night.

An experimental mini-hydro system, powered by the stream that rushes off the surrounding fells and pass their farmyard, has been installed by Nottingham university engineers working with the charity Intermediate Technology, which normally develops systems for Third World communities. It is a joint venture with the National Trust.

The water power system has been designed for use in isolated villages in parts of the Himalayas but is being used in the Dales in a two-year experiment. Yesterday Mrs Cowperthwaite, aged 38, was in little doubt about the benefits it had already brought. "My life is now completely different. I can actually see to make the sandwiches and the children can watch television in the daytime. I'm not sure that's progress but at least we know where to find them now.

"I can also do my vacuuming in the daytime and when we go out at night we can plug in the electric blanket so the bed is warm when we come home. It's lovely." Ann and her husband Bill, also 38, are tenant farmers on the 800-acre Tennant Gill Farm on the National Trust's Malham Tarn estate, near Settle, with a flock of 600 sheep and 30 suckler cows. They have three sons, Ian, aged 12, Robert, ten, and Stephen, seven.

Cowperthwaite: "My life is completely different"

The mains supply line ends more than a mile from the farmhouse and it would cost around £40,000 for a connection. Beforehand, the family had electricity only at night when the diesel generator was switched on, and a limited back-up supply from batteries. The diesel generator was too expensive to run around the clock.

Mr Cowperthwaite said: "I reckon the new system will save us around £800 a year, and in hill farming, where the difference between profit and loss is on a very fine line, that is a real benefit."

He can now use power tools for jobs around the farm during the day instead of having to wait until night time. The new system also lights outbuildings. Water to power the system is syphoned off Tennant Gill on the moors behind the farmhouse and is then piped 63 metres down to a small generator house built by workers on the National Trust's employment training scheme.

In place of a high-tech turbine a waterpump has been reversed so that it is driven by water rather than driving the water. An adapted electric motor is used instead of an expensive generator, and, with the help of a simple electronic controller, the farm now enjoys a steady supply of power.

The one and a half metres of rain that falls every year on Tennant Gill Farm, more than twice the national average, makes it an ideal site for the new system.

Adam Harvey, of Intermediate Technology's micro programme, said: "The system at Tennant Gill differs from existing systems currently operating in the UK in that it is designed for production and maintenance by the communities where they are used."

The system costs around £6,000 to install but once perfected it is estimated that further schemes will realise one kilowatt of power per £1,000 spent.

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Baker rejects judges' appeal to end life sentences for murder

By PETER MULLIGAN

THE home secretary appeared to be heading for a collision with the senior judges yesterday when he rejected their calls to end mandatory life sentences for murder.

Kenneth Baker said that to do so would undermine public confidence in the willingness and ability of the criminal justice system to deal with murder. On his advice, MPs voted down the proposal passed in the Lords, backed by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, to allow judges to determine the length of sentence. The vote was 236 to 158, government majority 78.

Mr Baker said: "The best and fairest system is the one we have now where the life sentence is fixed by law and the responsibility then passes to the home secretary to decide how the sentence should be spent. That responsibility is part of the home secretary's general responsibility for the protection of the public, the preservation of the Queen's peace and the maintenance of public confidence in the criminal justice system."

He emphasised that a murderer's liberty was always at the disposal of the state. He added: "That is as it should be. A murderer released from a life sentence can be recalled at any time."

The Lords proposal, he said, would allow any penalty for murder from an absolute discharge upwards. He said: "One could imagine the outcry if a probation order was given for murder".

Responding to a backbencher's argument, he said: "One is here concerned with the confidence of the public, and the public out there, whose views on capital punishment for example are clearly known, would feel very let down if there was a weakening in the mandatory sentence for murder".

He added: "It is all very well to talk about mercy killings or so-called domestic murders, but the fact remains that in each case another person's life is intentionally taken away".

Support for the peers came from **Roy Hattersley**, shadow home secretary, who said the present system was "incompatible with the rules which ought to govern a free society — in which the judiciary and the executive are properly separated". He added that the Lords "proposed that a man or woman convicted of murder should receive a stipulated sentence in open court, that it should be subject to appeal and that a judicial tribunal should determine other questions of release."

He said: "They believe those three requirements were essential to the rule of law. I fear that the home secretary has not begun to refute the arguments that these changes are essential to the proper workings of an independent judicial system which is not over-ruled or overruleable by ministers".

He accused the government of fearing to appear "soft" on murderers and of pursuing an irrational and deeply damaging course.

Michael Shersby, Tory MP for Uxbridge and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, told the House that the federation had changed its view and now favoured fixed sentences for murder. It had believed that the recommendation of the court in cases of people convicted for the murder of police officers would be adhered to by home secretaries. But the release earlier this month of one of the men convicted of the Shepherd's Bush murders of three officers in 1966 had led it to change its mind.

That man had been released five years before the 30 years recommended by the trial judge. The home secretary, justifying the early release, had said that the man had not fired a gun and it was not believed that he would pose a threat. "I only hope Mr Baker is right."

Robert Maclennan, for the Liberal Democrats, said that Mr Shersby's speech had holed the home secretary's argument below the water line. He did not accept Mr Baker's contention that the public supported mandatory life sentences.

Baker: fears that public confidence may be undermined

Flexible age to retire

John Major told the Commons yesterday that the government had been looking at the possibility of a flexible retirement age for men and women for some years. An early decision was unlikely.

Andrew Bennett, Labour MP for Denton and Reddish, said during prime minister's questions that Britain was in danger of losing cases before the European court because it was discriminating against men and women. Some men, he said, wanted to retire before they were 65 while some women wanted to work on after 60.

New peers

Two new Labour peers were introduced in the Lords. Frank Judd (above), a former director of Oxfam, was introduced as Lord Judd, and Clive Hollick, a trustee of the Institute for Public Policy Research, as Lord Hollick.

Savings up

More than two million people invested over £5 billion in Tessas, the government-inspired savings plans in the first three months of their operation, Francis Maude, Treasury financial secretary, said.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign Office. Debate on the European Community.
Lords (2.30): Ports bill, committee.

Poll tax jail 'is unfair'

DAVE Nellist, the left-wing Labour MP for Coventry South East, was involved in a bitter clash with the prime minister during question time yesterday over the poll tax.

Mr Nellist said that the former Guinness chairman, Ernest Saunders, would soon be eligible for release from an open prison after serving only ten months for the theft of £8 million while a constituent aged 71 was serving 60 days in a closed prison for non-payment of £300 poll tax.

John Major retorted: "The position of many people has been made far worse by the leadership he [Mr Nellist] gave in not paying the community charge".

EC supports us on rail, Rifkind says

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Rifkind, transport secretary, will allege tomorrow that a Labour government would jettison rail and road improvements to appease the transport trade unions.

In a three-pronged attack on Labour policy, Mr Rifkind is to tell Tory women that the Opposition's commitment to protecting British Rail's monopoly on train services would threaten moves towards breaking national railway monopolies throughout the European Community.

Speaking to the Conservative women's conference in London, the transport secretary will cite support from John Prescott, shadow transport secretary, for repealing trade union laws as heralding the return of politically inspired strikes on public services. He is also to assert that, in spite of Labour's policy of freezing the government's road expansion programme, two shadow cabinet ministers and some Labour backbenchers are lobbying him for by-passes and new roads.

The key plank of his attack will be the unexpected backing from EC transport ministers last week for taking the first steps towards deregulating Community train services.

The outline agreement extends the right of access to EC railways by allowing European companies to run their own cross-frontier services throughout the Community from 1993. Mr Rifkind scored a success in getting strong backing for the directive against resistance from the French government which is committed to supporting the state railway, SNCF.

· Companies running freight services using lorries and railways will also have access to the Community's rail system. With the opening of the Channel tunnel in 1993, the agreement opens the way for firms to move freight by rail from Britain to any part of the Community without state-owned railway interference.

In his speech tomorrow, Mr Rifkind will say that Mr Prescott's rail commitment would lead to a Labour government reneging on the EC agreement.

Dog registration rebel clears way for bill

By JOHN WINDER

PROSPECTS for speedy passage of the dangerous dogs bill increased last night when Lord Stanley of Alderley, who led last year's Lords rebellion over a dog registration scheme, said that he would not introduce or support a similar scheme in the present bill.

Lord Stanley said that it was not the time to try to force the Commons to have registration. That would be unsuccessful and would prejudice eventual success in getting the government to concede the registration issue, as he was confident it would have to.

Earl Ferrers, Home Office minister, said that the government would be sympathetic to an amendment, if one were moved, to provide that exempted fighting dogs should not be under the control of people under about sixteen years in public.

He said that the government was still not persuaded that general dog registration would have helped to prevent any of the recent attacks by dangerous dogs. In America, the pit bull terrier had killed 34 people and it had proved impossible for full-grown adults to stop its attacks. It was in a class apart.

Discussions with interested parties on the exemption scheme for neutered and controlled fighting dogs were nearly complete and the order to introduce it, under the bill, would be published soon in draft.

Earl Ferrers: pit bulls are in a class apart

The Home Office hoped to announce within a few weeks the appointment of the organisation that had tendered successfully for the running of the scheme. The invitations to tender had emphasised the need to work closely with the police, Home Office, and other agencies in ensuring that the scheme worked. The owner who wished to exempt his dog would bear the full cost.

Lord Richard, for the Opposition, welcomed the main provisions of the bill, but said that it failed to address the problem of irresponsible ownership. Its approach smacked of concentration on headlines rather than a considered response to the views of experts. It was an opportunity missed. There might be a case for extending the third-party insurance provision for exempted dogs to all dogs.

Viscount of Falkland (Lib Dem) supported the government's actions as far as they went, but his party could see no alternative to general registration.

Earl Attlee (Ind SD) suggested national registration with a provision that dogs found that were not on the register should be kept for a specified number of hours and then destroyed.

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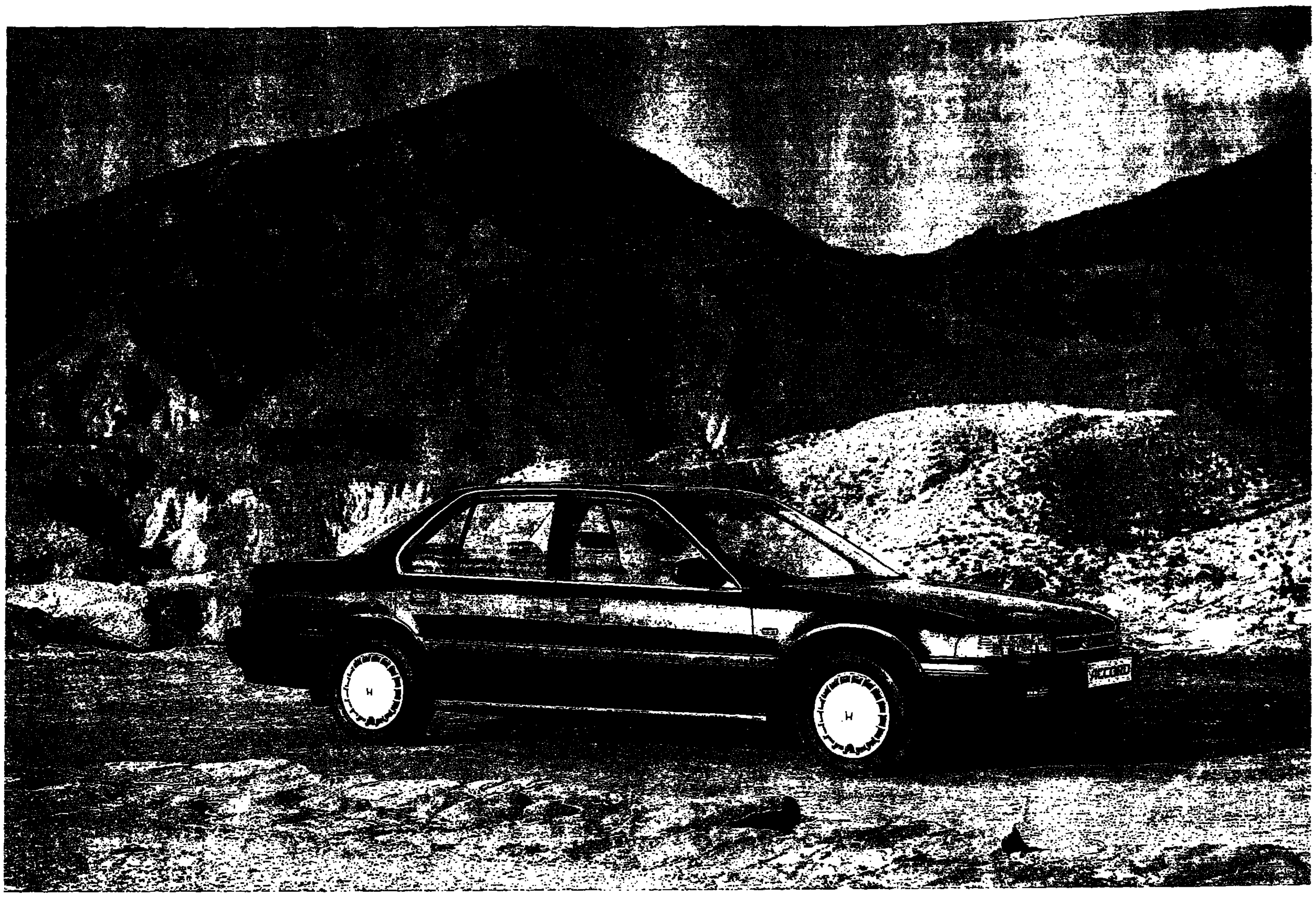

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Delors keeps Brussels guessing on hiring the removal van

Delors: has to be invited to stay on as president

The wily commission president may or may not be nursing domestic political ambitions, report ***George Brock*** *in Brussels and* ***Philip Jacobson*** *in Paris*

THIS week's European Community summit in Luxembourg has a "hidden agenda" item: will Jacques Delors, so often vilified by the popular press in Britain, stay on for a third term as commission president beyond 1992 — and if not, who will succeed him?

Dutch newspapers reported yesterday that M Delors had denied he had any interest in extending his term as president. *De Volkskrant* said M Delors had told his aides in Brussels that he wanted to stand for election as the mayor of Bordeaux and would be preparing himself for the French presidential elections in 1995. Some EC observers had thought he might ask for his tenure to be prolonged so that he could oversee the establishment of the European single market and the completion of the process of European monetary union. Dutch reports claimed M Delors, who has held the post since 1984, would like to be succeeded by Ruud Lubbers,the Dutch prime minister. Mr Lubbers, a Christian Democrat, has made no secret of his EC aspirations and is said to have the support of Britain, Germany and Belgian. However, he has repeatedly said that he will remain in office until the next Dutch general elections, scheduled for the end of 1994. Other prominent candidates to follow M Delors include Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister.

M Delors' staff yesterday refused to confirm or deny the stories of M Delors' impending departure. But his officials pointed out that in any case the decision lay in the hands of the EC's heads of government — and they will probably not make up their minds until their summit in Lisbon a year from now, at the end of Portugal's EC chairmanship in the first half of 1992, just before Britain takes over the rotating Council of Ministers' presidency.

What appears to have happened yesterday is that, faced with a direct question at a background briefing, M Delors answered in the only way he could — by sticking to the formal timetable. He cannot publicly apply to stay: the EC's leaders would have to invite him to do so. So the Delors era might still be prolonged. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, whose views will carry weight because it is Germany's turn to supply a commission president, would like M Delors to stay for a couple of years. But a British Conservative government would almost certainly not support renewal.

Speculation that M Delors might run for the French presidency is more often heard in Brussels than in Paris. One French official said recently that M Delors would only become the socialist candidate if the party opted for an "old sage". M Delors will be 69 by the time of the 1995 election.

M Delors has turned the often frustrating job of chairing the 17-member commission into one of the most coveted on the continent. Three prime ministers currently in power have declared, directly or indirectly, that they would like to succeed him. After seven years in which he has become the standard bearer for European federalism, M Delors may be a demon to the House of Commons, but on the Continent he is a superstar.

The reported decision to step down suggests strongly that M Delors is thinking about making a run for the French presidency when, as is generally assumed, the Mitterrand era ends with the expiry of the president's second term in 1995. The eight years in Brussels have given M Delors high visibility and a respectable approval rating among French voters, while few of the other possible contenders, from the left or right, arouse great enthusiasm among the public.

With parliamentary elections due in France in 1993, M Delors may well feel that he should have his bid on the table before the Socialists embark in earnest upon what is likely to be a bruising contest for the presidency. As he will know, there are some sharp political elbows around already: Michel Rocard, the former prime minister, is considered a certainty to run; Laurent Fabius, president of the National Assembly, is generally regarded as President Mitterrand's chosen successor; and there are at least two other potential rivals on the left alone.

Britain sees social action programme as threat to jobs

From Tom Walker in Brussels

MICHAEL Howard, the employment secretary, yesterday dismissed the European Commission's social action programme, which includes provision for a maximum 48-hour working week, as a danger to jobs in the community.

Britain regards the plan as an unwarranted intrusion into member states' internal affairs. Mr Howard said: "The most important social dimension of a single market is the creation of jobs. The community shouldn't put into place laws and regulations that will damage jobs." He said Brussels was overlegislating in an area that should be left to national governments.

His stance was immediately criticised in a statement from Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, who said the government faced total isolation on the social action programme. He said Mr Howard was "misrepresenting the effect" of the commission's proposals, through its "own false interpretation".

Mr Howard's remarks bode ill for the European leaders' summit at the end of the week, at which John Major will be confronted with a revised Treaty of Rome draft incorporating much of the commission's aims in the social field.

Mr Howard said Brussels could legislate where workers' health and safety were definitely issues, but should leave employment and social security issues well alone. "They are an important part of the way we organise things and we don't think Brussels should tell us how to do that."

The ministers were not helped by the EC civil servants' strike, which meant that documents for their meeting were only available in French. A debate on just one clause on the commission's proposals for EC laws safeguarding the rights of pregnant women in the workplace thus took up most of the afternoon, with no result.

The maternity proposals are among the most complicated on the social action programme, and are "not in a sensible shape," Mr Howard said. He again suggested the commission should produce one directive based purely on the health and safety aspects of maternity.

He said it was reading too much into the situation to suggest there was any "machiavellian intent" by the commission in pushing the more complex aspects of the social action programme to the fore, highlighting British isolation before the summit. French officials say their government regards the social aspects as among the most important of the treaty revisions.

Nonetheless, Mr Howard acknowledged that the parts of the social action programme the government can live with are not being dealt with soon enough. "I have repeatedly suggested there are aspects of the programme where we could make progress."

But he said that these do not include the commission's ideas on limiting the number of hours in a working week to 48, and banning any night shifts longer than eight hours. He said: "We shouldn't put into place laws and regulations that damage jobs." The working time proposals were pushed off the day's agenda by the meeting's snail-like progress.

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Plans could cost industry £3.5bn

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BRITAIN is opposed to about ten of Europe's social action proposals, especially on hours of work, the employment of pregnant women and consulting employees, which Michael Howard, the employment secretary, estimates altogether could directly cost British employers at least £3.5 billion.

The government's opposition to the European Community's social proposals was attacked by Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, yesterday. He argued that because of its "total isolation" on the issue, the government was now "making up" false claims about the cost of the proposals.

Britain was alone among EC members in December 1989 in voting against the social charter, the raft of employment proposals which Jacques Delors, the commission president, says is there "to provide a formal reminder that the community has no intention of sacrificing fundamental workers' rights on the altar of economic efficiency".

With the aim of ensuring such rights as Europe moves into the 1992 single market on trade, the charter was transformed in November 1989 into the social action plan — about 50 separate proposals, including several legally binding directives. Britain is happy with the bulk of the proposals, mainly those relating to specific health and safety issues, but opposes the larger, more contentious issues.

The government measures all the EC proposals against basic criteria: will they help encourage economic growth, and especially job creation? Is action at the community level the right level? And do the proposals respect the diversity of national practice?

Among the many details of the proposals are:

☐ **Working time** The EC, with particular support from France, is proposing that employers would not be allowed to require employees to work beyond a minimum rest period of 12 hours per day — in effect, because of provisions on consecutive working, a ceiling on working more than 48 hours a week;

☐ **Pregnant women** Among the proposals are rights to 14 weeks' paid maternity leave at 100 per cent full pay, and an obligatory two weeks' paid leave before an expected birth;

☐ **Consultation** Companies operating in more than one EC country, with more than 1,000 employees in total, would if requested by their employees have to establish a European-wide works council as a means of consulting and informing their workers.

Mr Howard has pressed especially hard on the costs of the EC's proposals, and has won agreement from Vasso Papandreou, the European employment commissioner, for future proposals to be more properly costed.

Working hours in Europe (full-time)

	Industry	Retail
Belgium	37	38
France	39	38
Germany	38	39
Greece	40	n/a
Ireland	41	n/a
Italy	39	38
Netherlands	39	40
Portugal	44	44
Spain	40	43
UK	37	39
Average	39	39

Source: EC survey

Talking point: Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, with Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, in Paris yesterday to discuss the EC summit

Playing the ostrich over EMU

In The Times' study of the draft EC union treaty, ***Anatole Kaletsky*** *says Britain, obsessed with federalism, appears to be ignoring economic sovereignty issues*

JOHN Major will fight with all his might this weekend to expunge the word "federal" from Luxembourg's draft treaty on European union. But while the prime minister rages over a single word in the preamble to the draft treaty, he seems to be ignoring the far more important and fundamental issues raised by the 18 extremely detailed clauses on economic and monetary union (EMU) in the confidential draft.

These draft clauses seem to ride roughshod over the many fundamental objections to transfering economic sovereignty to Europe stated by Britain since the negotiations on political and economic union began. The Treasury said yesterday that the draft treaty on EMU was "not acceptable to the UK as it stands" and predicted that it would not be acceptable to others.

Yet Luxembourg asserted in the introduction to its confidential draft that its treaty represented "the prevailing drift" of the negotiations on EMU and officials in Brussels and several European capitals added agreed. The far greater detail contained in the clauses on economic and monetary union reflected the degree of consensus achieved by all the countries apart from Britain.

The Luxembourg draft would extend the community's powers over national economic policies far beyond the purely monetary issues which have dominated the debate over EMU in Britain. And they would do this in a way which might not be ameliorated by a special "British clause", allowing any country to opt out of a single Euro-currency when the final stage of EMU arrives.

Luxembourg's draft clauses conflict with Britain's publicly stated positions in at least four areas of fundamental importance: Europe's authority over national fiscal policies; the role and political accountability of a new European central bank; the timing of the transitional stages leading up to full economic union; and the redefinition of the European currency unit, the ecu.

Yet the draft treaty fails even to acknowledge the British position on any of these points, or even to note that a difference of opinion exists among member countries. By contrast, the few remaining areas of disagreement between France and Germany are acknowledged with footnotes and alternative draft texts (known as "square brackets" in the Eurocratic jargon).

Fiscal policy is the most important area of fundamental disagreement between Britain and the emerging consensus in Europe. The Luxembourg draft would give the European Council an ultimate authority over national fiscal policies, ultimately backed up by appropriat penalities, all to be decided by qualified majority, not unanimous, votes.

Britain has stated repeatedly that even if it agreed to join a monetary union, it did not see any need for binding fiscal rules to be established by Europe, and the Treasury repeated yesterday that it was "opposed to any binding fiscal rules". Yet the chances of the offending clauses being deleted from the Treaty seem minimal, since Germany has insisted on budgetary limits, backed up by legal authority, as a condition for joining any economic union with such perennial deficit spenders as Italy and Greece.

The second main bone of contention is the role of the new central bank. The Luxembourg draft makes unmistakably clear another crucial principle inserted by Germany as a condition for any progress towards EMU. The new European central bank would exercise complete control over interest rates and monetary policy throughout Europe, and would do this with no formal accountability to national governments, the European parliament or any other political institution.

Mr Major has made clear that Britain would insist on some form of explicit accountability to democratically elected institutions.

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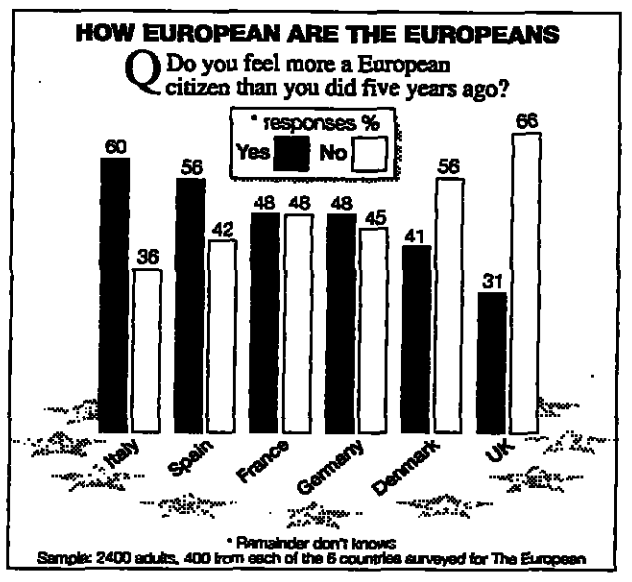

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Members agree tax blueprint

From George Brock in Brussels

THE European Community has agreed a 12-country tax framework which should allow the abolition of many frontier controls before the single market deadline at the end of next year. But the cliff-hanger meeting, which ended four years' bargaining, left most member governments puzzled and resentful over Britain's policy.

Norman Lamont, the chancellor, said that no British tax rate would change but that agreement would allow the EC to abolish trade barriers and to complete the single market. The European Commission, which is overseeing the lowering of trade barriers, has long considered a package deal on VAT and excise duties to be a vital part of the consumer freedoms promised after 1992.

By resisting a demand that the EC set a binding minimum rate of VAT, Britain enforced a compromise by which all 12 states declare that they will not reduce VAT rates below 15 per cent, and the three governments with rates below that will raise them to 15 per cent or above.

Standard VAT rates across the EC are: Belgium, 17-19; Denmark, 22; France, 18.6; Germany, 14 per cent; Greece, 18; Ireland, 21; Italy, 19; Luxembourg, 12; Netherlands, 18.5; Portugal, 17; Spain, 12; UK, 17.5.

Gorbachev meets Harvard adviser

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday spent more than an hour discussing world economics with Graham Allison, the Harvard professor involved in drafting the so-called "Grand Bargain" plan for Western help for the Soviet Union.

Professor Allison was making an unannounced trip to Moscow, where work is in progress on amalgamating the "Grand Bargain" plan with the Soviet government's more narrowly focused "anti-crisis programme". The combined document, which will include elements of last year's Soviet economy report by the International Monetary Fund is expected to form the basis of President Gorbachev's submission to the London summit of the Group of Seven in July.

Senior Soviet officials have denied that Mr Gorbachev will be asking for money at the summit, insisting that he intends rather to present a new concept of broad and mutually advantageous cooperation between the Soviet Union and the West. Yesterday's Kremlin meeting was described by Vitali Ignatenko, the president's press spokesman, as a "serious intellectual and theoretical discussion on ways of combining developments in the world economy with what is happening in our country".

Primakov: investigated economic links with G7

Those present included Grigori Yavlinsky, the co-author of the "Grand Bargain", and Yevgeni Primakov, a member of Mr Gorbachev's security council. Valentin Pavlov, the prime minister, who has been highly critical of the Yavlinsky plan and of the ability of Harvard academics to understand the Soviet economy, did not attend.

The idea that the Soviet Union might co-operate with international financial institutions and the Group of Seven, was apparently broached first late last year, when Mr Gorbachev's round of autumn visits abroad yielded only small sums in credits and government guarantees. Mr Primakov, who was also a presidential envoy during the Gulf conflict, investigated the possibilities, and it was he who briefed Mr Yavlinsky before the G7 specialists' meeting two months ago.

The idea that the Yavlinsky programme and the government's anti-crisis programme might be combined has met with disapproval by both sides. Yesterday, Mr Ignatenko said that there were only two divergences of principle between the two programmes. One related to the speed at which the rouble could be made convertible, the other on how the Soviet economy could best be stabilised, meaning restoring the long-lost balance between money and available goods.

Mr Ignatenko said: "We won't be admitted to the G7 at this meeting, but in future we shall try to ensure that it becomes the G8." Within two to three years, he said, "we could enjoy quite a different status." He also emphasised the unacceptability of political or any other conditions. He specifically discounted the possibility that Moscow would be required to halt assistance to Cuba. This was seen as an attempt to keep conservative critics quiet.

WARSAW NOTEBOOK by Roger Boyes

Bending to the plastic revolution

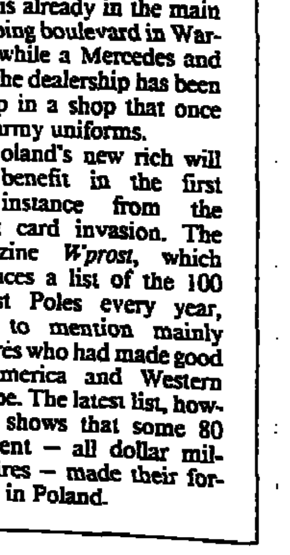
The plastic revolution reached the shattered economies of post-communist Europe yesterday when American Express announced that it would be issuing its credit cards to ordinary Poles with enough money in the bank.

"That will do nicely, sir," has no precise translation in Polish, but the credit card staff, trained by British instructors, are working on a suitable formula. The first automatic cash dispenser in the East was installed in Warsaw yesterday, attracting a bemused audience.

"You mean you can get money for nothing?" asked a middle-aged woman, only slightly missing the point. Juergen Aumueller, the president of American Express Travel in Europe, said that by the end of the year some 1,000 hotels, restaurants and shops would have signed up with the card company in Poland. Credit cards, meanwhile, would be issued to individual Poles who have dollar accounts and when the Polish currency became fully convertible to all solvent Poles who are interested in payment by plastic.

The transformation of the workers of Eastern Europe into Western-style consumers is advancing apace. As profits can now be fully repatriated under a new Polish investment law, there are no serious obstacles to the Western giants moving in. The result has been a riot of brand names and of competitive advertising.

Pepsi-Cola is to spend $60 million (£37 million) over the next five years on the bottling plant of its Polish partners, while Coca-Cola has launched a $50 million programme. Unilever is spending $20 million to buy an 80 per cent stake in the Pollena detergent factory. McDonald's is opening in Warsaw and Prague, and Heinz is considering setting up a baked beans factory in Poland.


We're Poles apart from the credit card set.
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But the quickest returns are from the new Western luxury outlets. Christian Dior is already in the main shopping boulevard in Warsaw, while a Mercedes and Porsche dealership has been set up in a shop that once sold army uniforms.

Poland's new rich will benefit in the first instance from the credit card invasion. The magazine *Wprost*, which produces a list of the 100 richest Poles every year, used to mention mainly emigrés who had made good in America and Western Europe. The latest list, however, shows that some 80 per cent — all dollar millionaires — made their fortunes in Poland.

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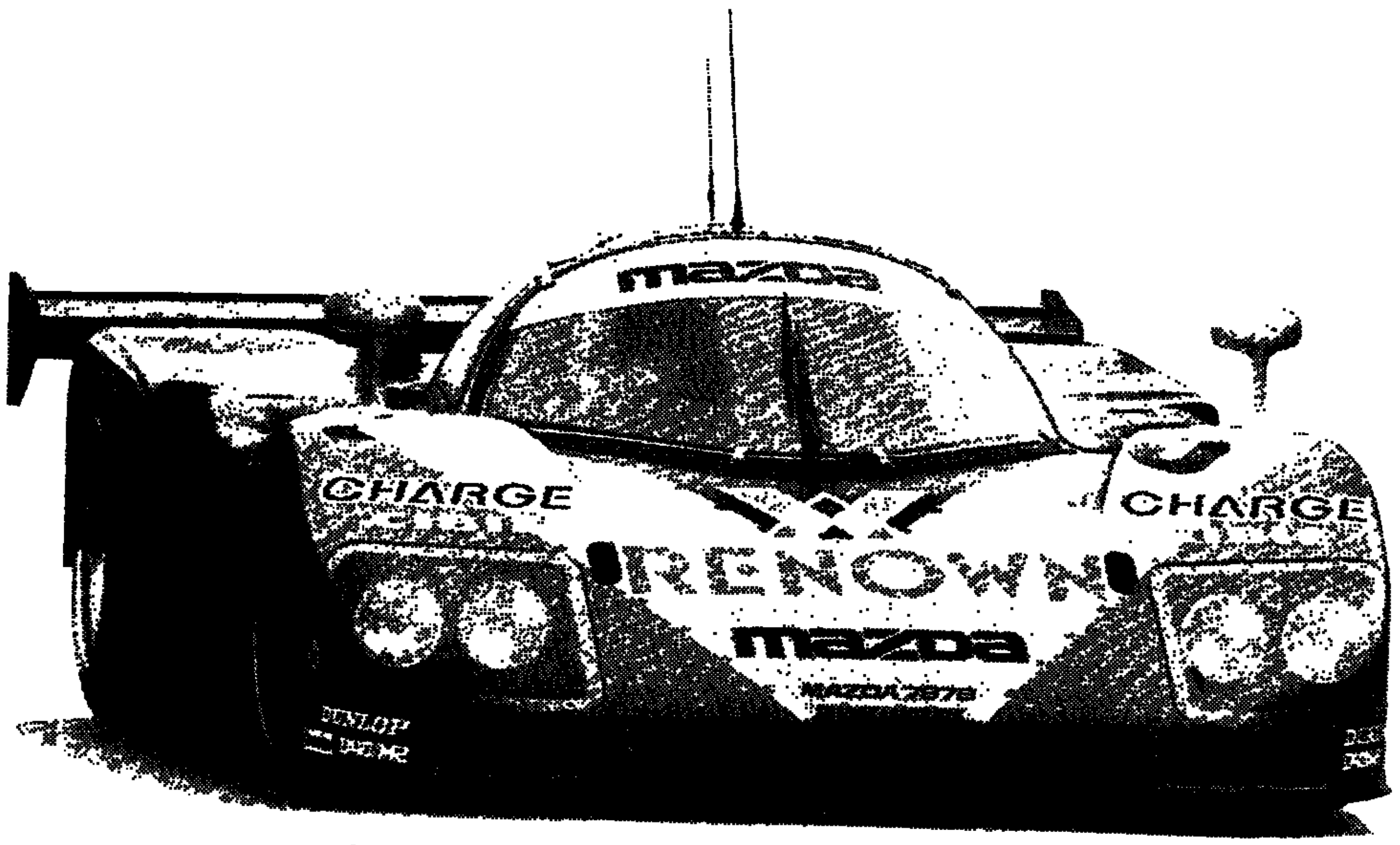

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Croatia and Slovenia threaten to tear apart Yugoslav federation

Rebel republics announce break with Belgrade

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE republics of Slovenia and Croatia proclaimed their independence from the rest of Yugoslavia last night in the first breakaway from the Balkan federation since it was created in 1918.

The Croatian parliament overwhelmingly adopted a declaration on independence and "disassociation" from Yugoslavia that anulled most federal laws on its territory. Slovenia also proclaimed itself an independent state last night. Both republics made their move a day earlier than expected.

Slovenia said it would take over federal powers on its soil and gradually sever all ties. Croatia's move will have less immediate impact and it will remain part of Yugoslavia. The moves are likely to cause deep concern in Europe. The European Community agreed on Sunday not to recognise any declaration of independence by Slovenia or Croatia and to freeze contacts with leaders of the breakaway republics.

Yesterday's independence legislation was rushed through the parliaments a day after Ante Markovic, Yugoslavia's federal premier, argued that the breakaway would lead to isolation and trigger a civil war. The Croatian parliament, however, remained unimpressed. Its speaker, Zarko Domljan, rebuffed Mr Markovic's warning when he said yesterday that the two republics would simultaneously adopt their declarations of independence. The move may have been brought forward by a day because Croatia wished to throw off balance the federal government and Serbia, both of which firmly oppose the break-up.

Croatia was last night anxious to play down its secession, for fear of provoking its minority Serbian population, which was already alarmed and ready to retaliate by speeding up its own secession. Confusion remained yesterday about the extent of Croatia's independence. It was unclear whether it was formally breaking away or just laying the legal basis for disassociation.

A senior adviser to the Croatian president said the move would enable Croatia to start new negotiations on forming a community of sovereign states. Croatia may continue talking to the other five republics about an accord for a confederal alliance of sovereign Yugoslav states.

The federal public prosecutor said that the unilateral act to secede was a criminal act that jeopardised the territorial integrity of Yugoslavia. In a similar vein Vlado Kambovski, the federal justice minister, described it as a unilateral act with no legal value, saying that all federal institutions had to take steps to protect the country's territorial integrity. Budimir Loncar, the Yugoslav foreign minister, was asked to inform foreign governments of the situation, which Yugoslavia's federal institutions regard as illegal.

Slovenia invited foreign ambassadors accredited to Yugoslavia to attend its independence ceremony, but the invitation was declined. Unlike Slovenia, which has set up border posts, Croatia will not follow suit. Whereas Slovenia, being ethnically compact, can patrol the borders with Croatia, Croatia is burdened by a volatile Serbian minority.

Slovenia proposes a two-year term for the Yugoslav's federal armed forces to pull out, while Croatia leaves this matter open. In the meantime, Croatia is arming its own military force that its commanders say could swell to at least 200,000 men in a matter of hours if necessary.

Yesterday's proclamations reduce still further any chance of a compromise plan for Yugoslavia's future as a semi-federal association of sovereign states.

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Quiet build-up to big break

From TIM JUDAH IN LJUBLJANA

PREPARATIONS at the last minute were being made in Ljubljana yesterday afternoon as Slovenia brought forward plans for independence, originally scheduled for today. The Slovene parliament was to have met today to pass the necessary constitutional act. However, in a suprise move paralleling that of Croatia, the session was brought forward and due to begin yesterday evening.

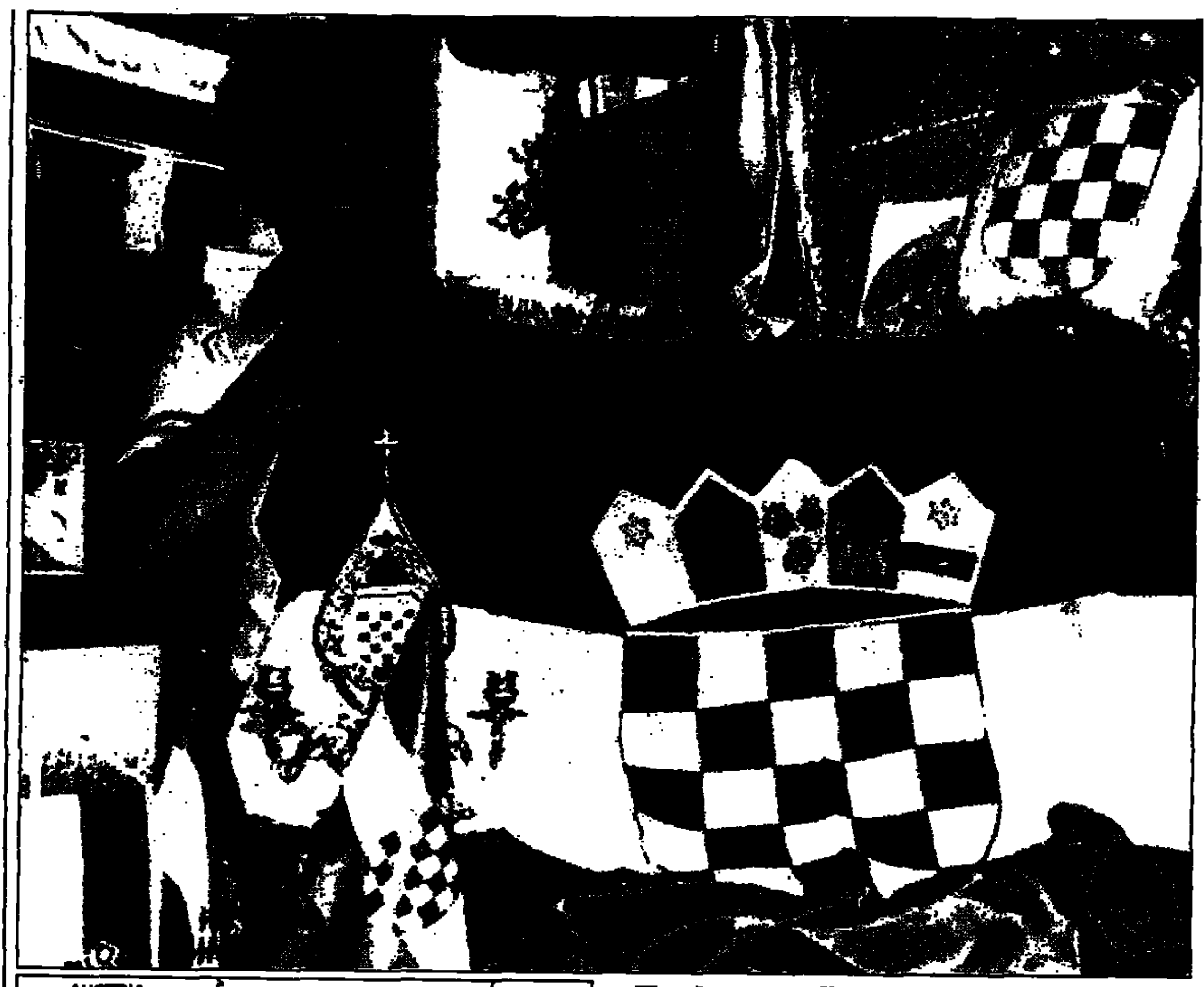
While moves to independence accelerated, there were few signs of celebration or excitement on Ljubljana's streets yesterday, but a brass band was rehearsing the national anthem in the city's central Liberation Square. The anthem, called *The Toast*, is an old Slovene drinking song and appears to encapsulate Slovenia's more relaxed attitude to life and its determination to be free of Belgrade.

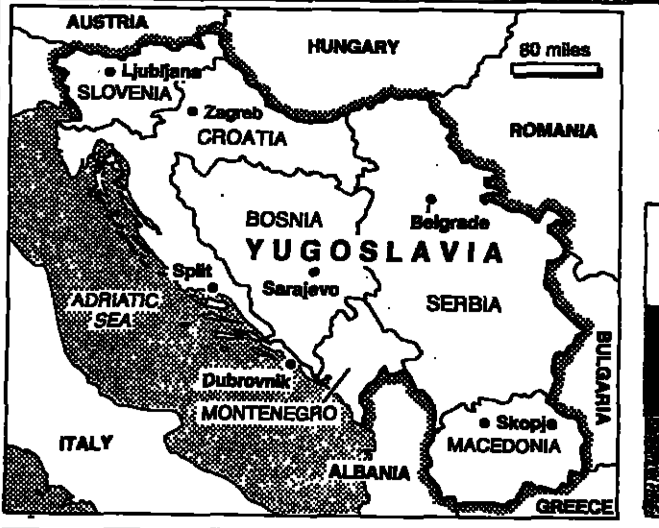
There are fewer than two million Slovenes and their language is distinct from the Serbo-Croat spoken to the south. Habsburg land since the 16th century, Slovene consciousness and national identity only began to emerge in the late 18th century and the first demands for the unification of Slovene territory only came at the time of the 1848 revolution.

With far fewer rights and privileges than the Croats under the Austro-Hungarian empire, the Slovenes initially supported the idea of a unified state for the southern Slavs — Yugoslavia — and after the second world war, it was Tito's army that secured the formerly Italian territories in the hinterland of the Italian port of Trieste. This also gave the Slovenes access to the sea. Today, Slovenes admit that despite independence, they are ready to entertain the idea of the Yugoslav federal army remaining on their territory, beyond their proposed withdrawal date of 1993 because they fear the Italians.

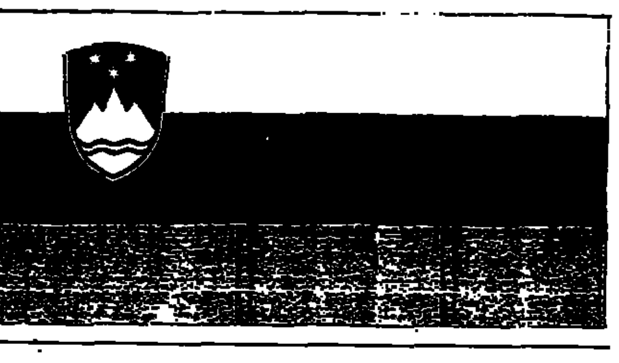
Most Slovenes back independence because they see the rest of Yugoslavia, particularly Serbia, as impeding moves to a market economy and their prosperity. They are also keen to leave a country beset with violent ethnic conflicts from which they are free. Lojze Peterle, the Slovene prime minister, used a culinary metaphor to outline the reason for independence: "We are hostages in Yugoslavia which is like a pressure cooker. Everyone is scared to open it and release the evil spirit, but we believe that it should be opened because otherwise we will be boiled until the end."

Slovenes will have neither new passports nor new money this morning and the people of Ljubljana are taking a remarkably nonchalant attitude to the break with Belgrade. "We've been counting down to this," said Tina, a student aged 17, "but we don't think we'll be in heaven."





Flag day: a man displaying the Croatian flag and other national souvenirs (above), in Zagreb, as Croatia and Slovenia announced independence from the Yugoslav federation yesterday. The white, blue and red flag of Slovenia (below) carries its coat of arms, with three golden, six-pronged stars. The shield is lined in red



Money matters bind sour marriage

Roger Boyes looks at the reasons why the bitterness between Yugoslavia's republics may not lead to a costly divorce this week

YUGOSLAVIA this week faces its most decisive moment with both Slovenia and Croatia straining for independence and ready to break away. Unless the Yugoslav army intervenes, there will be no overnight disintegration of the country that has muddled through since 1918.

The reason is plain. Beyond the wound-up emotions and ethnic enmities of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, there is a sober economic reality that condemns the country to some form of commonwealth, customs union or confederation. Yugoslavia is a sour marriage that survives for the sake of the children.

Slovenia has profited from its proximity to Austria and Germany to become the wealthiest of Yugoslavia's republics. With only eight per cent of the population, Slovenia still contributes 20 per cent to the gross national product. Yet, despite the confidence of its officials on the eve of independence, it stands little chance alone.

In Belgrade, where goods made in Slovenia are priced out of the shops by a politically inspired customs tariff, Serbs search in vain for the soft lavatory paper produced in Ljubljana, the Slovene capital. Serbian paper, by contrast, is as rough as gravel. The Austrian toilet-tissue market, meanwhile, is sated with perfectly adequate homemade or German paper: there is no niche for the Slovenes.

Divorce will be costly. Both Slovenia and Croatia are ready to pay their dues to the federal budget if agreement is reached on making Yugoslavia into a loose confederation. But in return they want a trimmed-down federal bureaucracy, curbs on the army budget and fewer industrial subsidies.

More than half of Slovenia's revenue last year (about £3 billion) was put aside for the federal budget and this year it is paying less than ten per cent to Belgrade. The advantage of independence would be cancelled out by the need to repay Slovenia's share of Yugoslavia's hard currency debt of £9.2 billion.

Like the Slovenes, the Croats have similar hopes for aligning themselves with the Austrian economy and rising on Vienna's coat-tails into, or close to, the European Community. But Croatia's economy is sickly. If the personal cost of Slovene independence is a 30 per cent drop in living standards, then the fall will be much steeper for Croatia, where privatisation is proceeding at an even more sluggish pace.

To survive economically the independent republics would need fully fledged Western assistance, and this is not on offer. Zagreb and Ljubljana are fond of mocking Ante Markovic, the federal premier, as an "illusionist" for trying to introduce a nationwide market revolution in Yugoslavia. But they, too, are peddling illusions.

Zimbabwe drops marxist ideology

Harare — Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu (PF) party decided at the weekend to abandon its ideologies of marxism, leninism and scientific socialism (Jan Raath writes).

President Mugabe was quoted as saying that "strong views" had been expressed that the party should change its policy, and that it had also been argued that as radical leftism was being cast aside all over the world, "there was no reason why we should continue to stick to it".

Sources present at the meeting said that the central committee had decided that references to "marxism-leninism" and "scientific socialism" should be deleted from the party constitution, and Mr Mugabe had agreed to the change.

Train killings

Johannesburg — Three women and two men were shot dead and a third man died jumping from a carriage when gunmen opened fire on a packed commuter train between Soweto and Johannesburg. Eighteen people were hurt in the latest attack designed to disrupt South African peace initiatives.

Cuban 'plotters'

Havana — Two Cuban doctors, Julio Bientz Saah, aged 42, and Julian Arana Rosainz, aged 35, went on trial charged with plotting to assassinate President Castro by blowing him up with dynamite. Two other doctors were accused of a lesser charge of "enemy propaganda". *(Reuter)*

Chemical target

Seoul — North Korea has completed the installation of 48 long-range artillery guns at the Korean border, 30 miles north of Seoul, capable of hitting the South Korean capital with chemical weapons, the newspaper *Segye Ilbo*, which has been authoritative on intelligence matters in the past, said. *(AP)*

Republic vote

Sydney — Australia's ruling Labor party plans to hold a referendum on making the country a fully independent republic in 2001 and ending all constitutional ties with Britain. The constitutional monarchy was described as "an irrelevancy" in the proposal, made at Labor's centennial congress in Hobart.

Colonel replaced

Port Moresby — Papua New Guinea is to replace Colonel Leo Nuia, the head of military operations for the copper-rich island of Bougainville, which is attempting to secede, after he admitted dumping the bodies of executed rebels at sea. Colonel Nuia will be replaced by Colonel Lima Dataona. *(AP)*

Tokyo bounces back after scandal

By JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO AND DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

AFTER the resignations of the presidents of two world-leading Japanese securities companies, it was business as usual on the Tokyo stock exchange yesterday. The Nikkei index, the traditional barometer of the country's business sentiment, rose more than 140 points.

Japan at large has expressed its ritual indignation and the matter seems to be already put aside. The reaction to Monday's shocking revelations of gangster-related activities and alleged illegal promises of compensation to clients by Nomura Securities and Nikko Securities has highlighted the degree to which such practices are accepted in Japan.

The necessary huffing and puffing at the disgrace has been expressed at the highest levels. Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, yesterday instructed the finance ministry to investigate the securities industry and tighten controls.

Individual investors, who have suffered most from the diminishing value of the stock market, have expressed outrage at the scandal, but they carry little weight. However, questions are beginning to be raised about the credibility of the finance ministry, theoretically the policeman of Japan's financial markets.

Many people believe, but few will publicly admit, that large Japanese institutions, the most important clients of large securities brokers, are given advance notice of the choicest stock tips and other forms of favouritism. Many of these dubious practices will be difficult to wipe out because of the long-term business relationships so fundamental to Japanese business.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, said yesterday that government measures against questionable dealings should not be affected by how foreign countries view the scandal. This is being interpreted as a "business as usual" message of reassurance to his friends in large corporations, many of whom donate generously to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The importance of the Nomura scandal centres on the fact that the company is now more powerful than any other bank in the world. Its support, or lack of it, for American debt can cause alarm at the White House. In 1987 Nomura and its main rival Daiwa bought 30 per cent of American government debt offerings; and while they could not actually bankrupt the US government, their support is essential to confidence.

The role of its founder, Tokushichi Nomura, before the turn of the century was to exchange rice for either the silver in which the western city of Osaka traded or the gold in which Tokyo did business. He was one of the brokers who set the price in a city which lives and breathes business: the familiar morning greeting is not "How are you?" but "How's business?"

In Tokyo, Nomura *is* the market as a result of a hard-driving, meticulously organised corporate culture that has caused Japanese competitors to nickname the firm Norhuma, a Japanese borrowing of the English "norm" because every employee is set a target and driven to achieve it.

That determination brought peak revenues in 1987 of $8.79 billion with at least 1,000 of its 15,000 employees worldwide able to claim they are dollar millionaires.

Colony fears airport delay

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Sir David: tenders are due out by end of the month

UNLESS Britain and China can resolve their differences within the next week or two, Hong Kong will be unable to go ahead with plans to open its proposed new airport before 1997, the colony's governor said yesterday.

After a meeting with John Major, Sir David Wilson said tenders for the first contracts were due to go out by the end of the month. "It is a very big project and we need to know if we are going to embark on it that we can carry it out sensibly and in good time."

Britain has so far failed to persuade China that Hong Kong will be able to afford the $8 billion scheme. Lengthy talks between Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and the Chinese leadership ended in disagreement and continuing negotiations by diplomats have faced suspicion that Hong Kong will be left with large debts when the territory reverts to China in 1997.

Sir David's visit to London comes as China has increased demands that it should have a determining voice in the airport project as well as all other development that straddle 1997. Britain is adamant that it must exercise full sovereignty in Hong Kong until then, though it is willing to consult China on relevant issues.

The deadlock has come at a bad time for Hong Kong. The new confidence the airport was supposed to give the business community has evaporated. The legislative council is also fighting the continuing arrival of Vietnamese boat people, and so far Britain has made little headway with Vietnam over proposals for a holding camp to accept Vietnamese economic migrants who are forcibly returned.

Hong Kong's human rights record is also under scrutiny by the International Commission of Jurists, which has begun work to see whether the handover to China will protect the rule of law and human rights in Hong Kong. Britain is under pressure to abolish the death penalty. There are fears that otherwise Peking would carry out executions.

Britain now wants to make clear to Peking that it is not negotiating as a suppliant: if it pushes too hard, London will not go ahead with the airport. The only hope for warmer relations may be if Britain finds more agreement with China on other issues, such as negotiations in the United Nations Security Council or policy over Cambodia.

Peking threatens American companies

From CATHERINE SAMPSON
IN PEKING

LI PENG, the prime minister, threatened to withdraw orders from American companies if the United States refused to renew China's most favoured nation status.

Mr Li reverted to bully-boy tactics at a dinner when he told Tom Lane, Boeing's chief representative in China and the guest of honour, that China had ordered 15 Boeings this year, a figure which Mr Lane later said was inaccurate. "If the most favoured nation status is revoked, they will have no more orders, and if the most favoured nation status is retained, they will have more orders coming."

The intervention from Mr Li comes amid criticism from congressmen that President Bush is being too soft on China. Mr Bush has said that he supports a retention of the most favoured nation status status, while many American congressmen argue that it should be conditional on improvements in human rights, arms sales and trade violations. Mr Li erred again when he said that "President Bush and China share the same position" on the most favoured nation status, a comment which may embarrass Mr Bush.

Mr Lane said that after he had heard the speech he was not surprised that he had been seated next to Mr Li. He said that he had been used as a "prop" by Mr Li as an example of business that would suffer. Boeing has called publicly for the status to be renewed.

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Kuwait bans Arab refugees' return from border camp

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN ABDALI, KUWAIT-IRAQ BORDER

HUNDREDS of ragged tents pitched in squalid conditions in the burning desert here are evidence that, in addition to the Kurds, the Gulf war has exacerbated another problem, the plight of the 180,000 stateless Arabs in Kuwait known as the *al-Bidoon* ("the withouts").

Long despised because they do not qualify under Kuwait's exclusive nationality laws, even though many are second or third generation born in Kuwait, the Bidoon have now been removed from their jobs on suspicion of collaboration with Iraq. A number of the 29 people already condemned to hang in the post-war trials are from the group.

United Nations officials claim that at least 2,000 are stuck in this hellish border camp because they had temporarily crossed into Iraq and the Kuwaitis will not now let them return. Many are divided from their families.

Kuwait cites many cases where the Bidoon, officially known as the "nationality undetermined" group, did cooperate with the occupiers. But independent observers claim that many more did not and provided over 70 per cent of the pre-war Kuwaiti army and police force.

"Most in the camp are women and children living in very grim conditions, apparently without any idea where they will go. They have family in Kuwait and do not want to go to Iraq," one UN official said. "Under our mandate, we have no power to look after them or even to provide them with medical help."

Before reporters were forced to leave the camp by angry Red Cross officials who threatened us with arrest by the Kuwaiti police, who are unhappy that the scandalous conditions should be published, we were able to speak to two of the inmates.

Diplomats in Kuwait, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the issue, said that the Abdali camp represented what one described as "the tip of the iceberg of a humanitarian problem growing daily more explosive which many international organisations are choosing to ignore."

Miram Jaber, aged 23, who had been stranded at the border for five months, explained: "I was taking my children to hospital in Iraq and because I am a Bidoon the Kuwaiti police will not now let me return. Please ask the world to tell me where I am going to live. I will die if I have to stay out in this heat much longer."

Often wrongly confused with the nomadic Beduin, the are an assortment of people who failed to acquire passports when the chances were there.

It is known that many thousands of the Bidoon are Arabs who originally lost or hid their true identities in order to live and work in Kuwait. But a greater percentage have been excluded from nationality by Kuwait's laws, which are more like those for an exclusive club than for a modern state.

Emirate opts to end martial law

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

MARTIAL law in Kuwait is to be scrapped when it comes up for renewal today, according to Ghari Obeid al-Sammar, the Kuwaiti justice minister. Kuna, the official news agency, quoted him as telling a London-based Kuwaiti newspaper: "The period of martial law in Kuwait will end tomorrow and will not be extended for another period."

A definitive announcement that the four-month period of military rule is over must come from the martial law administrator, Sheikh Saad al-Abdallah al-Sabah, the crown prince and a cousin of the emir. But Western diplomats and opposition leaders said they had no reason to doubt the pledge.

Leaders of the opposition remained sceptical that the promised change would make any great difference to the way in which Kuwait is now being administered as many of the martial law measures were written into the civil code and parliament, suspended in 1986, is not due to be re-elected until October next year. "As far as the press is concerned, censorship still applies," said Abdallah Nibari, of the Kuwait Democratic Forum, a coalition of opposition groups which is planning a protest meeting next month. "Political activity, the distribution of leaflets and so on is still difficult. The only difference under martial law was that the penalties were more severe."

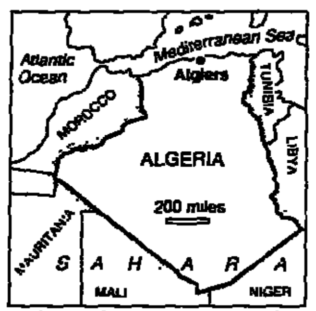
Mr al-Sammar also said that the outstanding trials of alleged collaborators with Iraq would be transferred to civilian courts. At least 200 are due to face charges. An end to military rule could give the judges more flexibility in the type of sentences imposed. The sentencing so far of 29 people to death plus numerous jail terms of up to 25 years has severely damaged Kuwait's post-war image.

Dipomatic sources said last night that the ruling al-Sabah family had come under heavy pressure from several countries, including the United States, Britain and France, to tone down the campaign mainly against the 200,000 Palestinians still in Kuwait.

Under fire: a man trying to douse a tear-gas grenade after Algerian riot police fired the gas and warning shots in Bab el Oued, a stronghold of the Islamic Salvation Front, as security forces tried to take down Islamic signs

Fundamentalists riot in Algiers

From PENNY GIBBINS
IN TUNIS



THE Islamic fundamentalist district of Bab el Oued in Algiers echoed to the sound of gunfire yesterday as police clashed with hundreds of rock-throwing fundamentalist youths whose eyes streamed from heavy clouds of tear gas used to try to dispel them.

The rioting started before dawn when police carried out a night operation in the area, arresting supporters of Algeria's Islamic party, the Islamic Salvation Front and removing signs put up at town halls they control after their victory in local elections a year ago.

The youths were also protesting at the many arrests of fundamentalists by the army since the beginning of the state of siege, declared by President Chadli Benjedid three weeks ago after more serious fundamentalist rioting. The army took advantage of the night curfew to pull down the "Islamic commune" signs with which the the Islamic Salvation Front had renamed town halls in the capital. The army was determined to enforce its order that all town halls bear the Algerian national motto, "By the people, for the people", saying that the Islamic slogan undermined national unity.

But it was an attack on the front's headquarters that brought hundreds of youths on to the streets to goad and insult the lines of police and to spray walls with their motto, "By God and for God". They set up makeshift barricades of overturned cars, garden gates and rubbish from which they hurled rocks at police.

People shut themselves in their homes or ran up side-streets. Shops closed up as police retaliated with tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition, fired into the air. As the violence intensified, paramiliary police were brought in to replace the riot police who had borne the brunt of the initial clashes.

One witness said he could not leave his home all day because the air was so saturated with tear gas. People were shooting indiscriminately, he said. He had heard machinegun fire, and roadblocks had been erected everywhere. It was reported that one person had been killed late on Monday night, and 12 others injured. No figures have yet been given for yesterday, but it is acknowledged that many people have been injured.

Fortified by the state of siege, the army, has been intensifying its search for groups of fundamentalists reported to be preparing for an armed struggle, and for weapons and explosives.The army has the authority to take over local councils run by the Islamic front, if it feels they are distruping the smooth running of public services.

Although diplomats emphasised that these latest clashes were localised, rather than taking place throughout the city, they will be worrying to the new transitional government whose main job is to set up peaceful parliamentary and presidential elections before the end of the year.

UN to probe rights in Iraq

From JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations yesterday appointed a former Dutch foreign minister to investigate human rights in Iraq, but diplomats said they doubted whether Baghdad would co-operate.

Max van der Stoel, Dutch foreign minister from 1973-77 and 1981-82, was named as the UN Human Rights Commission's special rapporteur on human rights in Iraq. Diplomats said that he had been given the broadest possible mandate, including examination of the plight of the Kurds and the Shias. He is scheduled to make a report by next February.

UN human rights rapporteurs depend on the co-operation of the government under investigation. Iraq has an incentive to allow entry to Mr van der Stoel because his reports could, if positive, help persuade the security council to lift sanctions imposed on the country after its invasion of Kuwait.

But diplomats said that Iraq had voted against the resolution calling for the appointment of a special rapporteur in March and refused to participate in a vote that confirmed it last month. A Western diplomat said: "They have not shown any indications that they wish to co-operate."

American diplomats have been lobbying in the UN Security Council to ensure that the highest possible percentage of Iraq's oil revenues are diverted into the special UN fund from which war reparations will be paid. The UN secretary-general has recommended that no more than 30 per cent of Iraq's oil revenues be used to pay war compensation, but Washington sought a ceiling of 50 per cent.

US diplomats now appear willing to accept the 30 per cent upper limit if they can obtain a "gentlemen's agreement" that Iraq's actual contribution in the first year of renewed oil production should be set somewhere close to that level.

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Channel 3's licence to confuse

Naming the TV franchise winners will shed little light on what we will actually watch from 1993, Melinda Wittstock reports

Television viewers wondering what will be screened on Channel 3 in 1993 will not be much the wiser when the franchise winners are revealed in late October. Even a thorough investigation of the hundreds of pages of promises made by each bidder turns up very little in the way of clues. The potential licensees do know that they will not be able to guarantee that their promised dramas, comedies and current affairs programmes will materialise on the national network. Under the 1990 Broadcasting Act they are losing the right, held for 35 years, to schedule their own programmes.

An independent central scheduler, hired by the consortium of 15 networks, will decide which programmes to buy and when to broadcast them, using criteria as yet unspecified.

There are three further certainties. First, that the winners will have until the end of next January to agree a new central scheduling system which is acceptable both to the Independent Television Commission (ITC) and to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). Second, that the system will be imposed if they cannot agree. And third, that they are unlikely to agree.

Three months is not very long to establish the system by which ITV's decisive ratings lead over the BBC will be maintained or lost. The new licensees will have committed £3 billion to £4 billion to the Treasury without knowing how programmes will be chosen for national transmission, or who will schedule them.

Disputes are expected over the size, structure and location of the scheduling unit, and the pricing system for programmes sold to the network.

'If a company has overbid, it will have to cut its contribution'
Greg Dyke

"No one knows or will tell you with any confidence how the system will work," says Simon Albury, a director of Meridian Broadcasting, which is challenging TVS.

Leslie Hill, the chief executive of Central Television, which faces no challengers, says: "It is very unlikely 15 separate companies will agree. We think the system will have to be imposed."

Either way, the new licensees are unlikely to agree on the size of their contributions to the annual network budget, which in the first year will probably be set at the current rate of £450 million. "Some will have paid peanuts for their licences, others a fortune," says Greg Dyke, the chief executive of LWT. "If, for example, advertising revenue is short in 1995, and a company has overbid, that company will have no choice but to cut its contribution."

A decision by several leading licensees to cut expenditure could mean the difference between 200 hours of original network drama and 110 hours of drama with 90 hours of repeats.

Another stumbling block to agreement will be the question of whether Britain's 800 independent producers should be permitted to take their programme proposals direct to the central scheduler for approval and transmission, bypassing the Channel 3 licensees.

Arresting image: high-rating programmes such as *The Bill* may not be available to the network if their makers lose their licences

While most of the new bidders, including North West Television, London Independent Broadcasting, White Rose Television, Three East and Meridian, approve of independent access, most of the incumbents remain implacably opposed to the idea.

Companies such as LWT, Yorkshire, Central and Granada believe that such a system would need a bureaucracy of at least 200 people to deal with the independents, at a cost of more than £20 million a year to the licensees. "It would be madness," says Mr Hill, who talks of a "lean and efficient" central unit.

But Linda Agran, Three East's programme director, says: "A staff of 30 could cope with it. Not all 800 independents will pitch at the same time."

The Independent Programme Producers' Association (IPPA), claiming backing from the OFT, does not accept the ITC's position that independent productions accepted by the central scheduler must be "farmed out" to relevant C3 licensees, so that the regulator would have proper recourse if a programme fell foul of its codes.

Fred Hasson, the deputy director of the IPPA, says he is determined to "break the master-servant relationship" between broadcasters and independents, and believes that the 15 networks could accept shared liability for the scheduler's decisions. The ITC, however, calls this unfair.

The key to Channel 3's success will be the choice of the right central scheduler. ITV programme controllers and executives "golden-handcuffed" into contracts, such as Mr Dyke, Thames's David Elstein, or Granada's David Plowright, cannot apply for the job unless their bids lose. Many outsiders, including Channel 4's Michael Grade and BBC1's Jonathan Powell, have recently signed new contracts.

The scheduler will not have very long from his planned start next spring to commission programmes needed for the beginning of the new licences on January 1, 1993. The winners can only hope that he will be able to persuade today's linchpins of the network, such as Granada, LWT or Thames, to continue to supply the highly rated *Coronation Street*, *Blind Date* or *The Bill* to Channel 3 and not to one of its rivals, should they lose their licences.

When reporters make free with speech

The US Supreme Court has given its partial blessing to tampering with quotes

MANY journalists in America have been breathing more easily since a high court ruling that public figures cannot win damages in a libel suit simply if a writer has tampered with their quotes for effect. But writers received a warning that a reckless disregard for the truth can be libellous.

The US Supreme Court's ruling last week seemed to appreciate the murky journalistic craft of how legitimately to clean up quotes that are clumsy in syntax and grammar. Many newspapers allow changes for the sake of elegance but would insist that the overall sense is unaltered. Others require writers to break into reported speech for anything less than verbatim quotes.

The case in question overturned a decision of a lower court that had allowed a suit by Malcolm Masson, a psychoanalyst, against Janet Malcolm, a profile writer for *New Yorker* magazine. Mr Masson had taken issue with several quotes attributed to him in two articles by Ms Malcolm after he lost his job as the director of projects at New York's Sigmund Freud Archives. Ms Malcolm said Mr Masson had described himself to her as an "intellectual gigolo", who would be remembered as, "after Freud, the greatest analyst who has ever lived". She also wrote, in her unflattering two-part 1983 profile, that Mr Malcolm said he planned to transform Anna Freud's home into "a place of sex, women and fun" after her death.

Neither of the quotes appeared in the more than 40 hours of notes and interviews she had with her subject. Mr Masson said the remarks made him look ridiculous and that their falsity was sufficient to satisfy the exacting burden of proof faced by public figures who sue for libel in the United States. Since 1964, public figures have been required to prove that someone knowingly made a false statement about them or recklessly disregarded the truth.

Ms Malcolm denied the quotes were fabricated, but said she had combined a range of comments made by her subject over several months to look as if they were all said at a single lunch. Her lawyers argued that the remarks were entitled to protection under the US Constitution as free speech, even if fabricated, because they accurately reflected her subject.

In a partial victory for Mr Masson, however, the court decided that his case was strong enough to merit a hearing at a trial before a jury.

SUSAN ELLICOTT

MEDIA WATCH

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On the House

ON MONDAY select committees on broadcasting in both Houses of Parliament will consider a short list of five companies seeking to televise proceedings for the next five years. At the moment coverage is split between Michael Braham's Broadcast Communications (which does the House of Commons), ITN (the House of Lords), and Commons Committee Television, headed by former BBC producer George Carey (the select committees). Now all three contracts are to be bundled together in a contract worth more than £600,000 a year for an independent producer.

No names

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The Ramblers' Association expects a good turn-out from the buggy brigade next Sunday. **Jane Bidder** reports

CHARLOTTE WINN

The family who walks together: Maria and Martin Morris rambling in the countryside near their Oxfordshire home with their children (from left) Max, aged one, Frida, 10, Ulrika, six, and Hannah, 11

The patter of tiny feet on field and footpath

Next *Sunday*, Maria Morris and her husband Martin will dress their four children, aged from 13 months to 11 years, in gumboots and anoraks and lead a party of locals on a walk round their north Oxfordshire village. The two-and-a-half-mile stroll – one of 200 organised by the Ramblers' Association for Family Rambling Day – will not be difficult for the Morris family, for whom Sunday would not be the same without a four hour amble in the surrounding woodlands and fields. "We put lunch in a very low oven, strap baby Max into a 30-year-old backpack, and meander along nearby footpaths, taking secateurs with us to cut down the undergrowth."

Mrs Morris grew up in a family where walking was a way of life. As a child in her native Sweden, her father would regularly wake her at 4am simply to go out and listen to the birds. After marrying her British husband, she has continued the tradition, undaunted by pregnancy or babies.

"It's a wonderful way of recharging one's batteries from the week, especially for my husband who, as a marketing executive, travels a lot," she says. "It also brings us closer to the children: in a house where small children are constantly crying for attention, walking gives us time to develop those confidences you might not get at teatime."

The Ramblers' Association, which has 83,000 members, hopes the Morris family's enthusiasm will infect more young families, which is why it founded Family Rambling Day five years ago, offering guided walks of three to five miles specially geared for the buggy brigade. This year, national demand has increased the number of countryside routes by 25 per cent and there are many more inducements on offer, including scavenger packs for junior walkers, nature quizzes, teddy bear picnics, badger masks and lunchtime pub breaks.

Mrs Morris, who has become a local rural troubleshooter by standing up to abusive farmers who do not appreciate public footpaths running over their land, believes that walking is one of the finest free occupations for the family, regardless of short legs and little voices that whine to go home.

"Of course you must gear your walk to the child: that's why we usually stick to local footpaths so we can return if necessary. We also have plenty of rests. We've only once had to turn back, and that was when we drove to a spot only to find the three-year-old's wellies weren't in the car."

The Morrises, who get through three pairs of boots each a year, also take a generous supply of nappies and squash, besides trying to plan routes with surprises for the children to anticipate round each corner, rather than straight, boring fields. Even the weather does not dampen their dedication. "Babies can easily be bundled up warmly, although we did have a rather frightening experience in Wales last Easter when we were nearly blown away by atrocious winds and got lost. We all huddled in a sheepfold for an hour or so and then, with the compass, found our way back."

Even older children such as Hannah, aged 11, can be keen: "She sometimes brings a friend on our walks and hasn't shown any signs of getting bored."

Adolescent boredom, admits Graham Butler, the Surrey area secretary for the Ramblers' Association, usually sets in about 13, although interest can resurface in the early twenties. "Teenagers develop a busier social life and, because of continual assessment at school, they have to spend more time on homework. Pushing them to come on a ramble will only put them off even more."

Despite this, Mr Butler's 14-year-old daughter Catherine, who was dragged along on family walks from the age of three months, says she was "encouraged" to continue until she finally rebelled this year by hanging up her walking boots. "There weren't many other ramblers of my age, and my friends laughed at me for continuing. My father was rather disappointed, particularly as my sister (who's now 12) rebelled when she was only seven."

Work commitments mean that Janet Butler rarely accompanies her husband on his twice-monthly, ten-mile walks, despite having met him through walking (clubs frequently act as informal marriage bureaux). But other families with slightly younger children, such as the Readers from Woking, in Surrey – who will also be leading a local walk on Family Rambling Day – still manage to amble regularly en masse. They have also founded the Half Pint Club for a dozen local young families, so called because of the size of the junior walkers and the size of drinks at the pub.

"We each take it in turn to plan routes near our homes so we can easily return if it's wet or the children are tired," says Gill Reader, whose children, Keith and Duncan, are aged nine and seven respectively. "We also make sure the routes are suitable for pushchairs, especially for one three-year-old who has spina bifida."

The Readers, who met during a British Rail rambling excursion, ensure their children wear long trousers to guard against thistles. So far, they have encountered no dangerous cows or dogs, although one mother, suffering from the heat, had to be revived with cold drinks by a sympathetic householder. Keith is just beginning to voice discontent, says his mother, although he enjoys walks "once he gets going. We'd never push him, if he really didn't want to go."

- *Details of Family Rambling Day routes throughout the country are available from the Ramblers' Association at 1-5 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2XX.*

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Sale into summer

THE summer sales are starting earlier than ever this year, this week for most, with good reductions on classics such as cashmere sweaters (from £249 to £149 at Simpson of Piccadilly) and Gottex swimwear (from £87 to £52 in the "Selfridge Selection" summer sale catalogue). Liberty's sale, which begins today, has reductions on silk squares – Liberty print from £49.95 to £25.95, Georgina von Etzdorf from £89 to £39.95, and English Eccentrics from £79 to £49.95. Liberty silk ties are now £14.95 instead of £32.50. Worth waiting for, however, is the Hermès summer sale, which starts on July 13, with between 40 and 60 per cent off the entire men's and women's ready-to-wear collections (Hermès dinner jackets for £310, down from £950).

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Final check for school teams

This year there are plenty of fresh faces among the British schools chess finalists

PAUL FAITH

Twin threat: Adrian (left) and Stephen Gillen of St Columb's

An unusually open field will meet in London on July 4 and 5 to battle for victory in the finals of the British Schools Chess Championship. Three of the four teams come from schools which have never reached the finals before. St Paul's School, which has dominated the competition in recent years, and carried off the trophy nine times in all, was defeated in this year's quarter-finals by Sutton Manor High School, one of the four finalists.

During the preliminary rounds of the championship, which ran through the whole of the school year and attracted entries from about 400 schools, victory in seven of the 23 zones went to schools which had never got so far before. This reflects a wider interest in chess in schools since international triumphs by British players began to give the game a new glamour.

The championship, sponsored by *The Times* and, before it, by *The Sunday Times* for 35 years, has long been a nursing ground of top players. Former competitors include Nigel Short, Britain's highest rated grandmaster, and William Watson, the 29-year-old grandmaster who in April shared first prize in the Watson, Farley & Williams City of London championship.

Entries are already coming in for next year's tournament, and *The Times* has made a commitment to continue to sponsor the series for at least the next two years. The prizes include a silver cup and badges, and vouchers and subscriptions to a variety of computer services for schools. Next year's prizes will include a compact disc system giving indexed instant retrieval of a year's files of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

The teams that will fight out the last round of the contest next week at the Charing Cross Hotel will be from Sutton Manor High School, of Sutton, Surrey; Hymers College, Hull; St Columb's College, Londonderry; and Manchester Grammar School. All the expected finalists are boys. Chess clubs at some of the schools have girls among their stronger players, but none is quite strong enough to make it to the finals.

"We cannot deny that the large majority of schools which have success in the tournament are from the independent sector," says Mitchell Taylor, the former teacher who has organised the contest for many years. "This is a pity, but British chess is now so competitive that it is difficult for comprehensive schools to participate. Constraints on funds work against voluntary activities such as chess."

'An orderly mind and an orderly chessboard go together'

Standards are high: most of the teams reaching the finals include one or more players of county or international standard among their six players.

"We will probably not be the strongest team there, but we are in with a good chance," says 17-year-old Andrew Webster of Sutton Manor, who plays regularly for England. "Oliver Rosten, who is 12 now, used to be captain of the England under-11 team, and the majority of the others have had county experience."

A school's fortunes can fluctuate sharply from year to year. Last year, Truro School was carried to the finals partly by Michael Adams, aged 18, then the reigning British chess champion, and the youngest player ever to qualify as a grandmaster. But on the date of the finals he was representing Britain in the Philippines, and without him, Truro could make only second place.

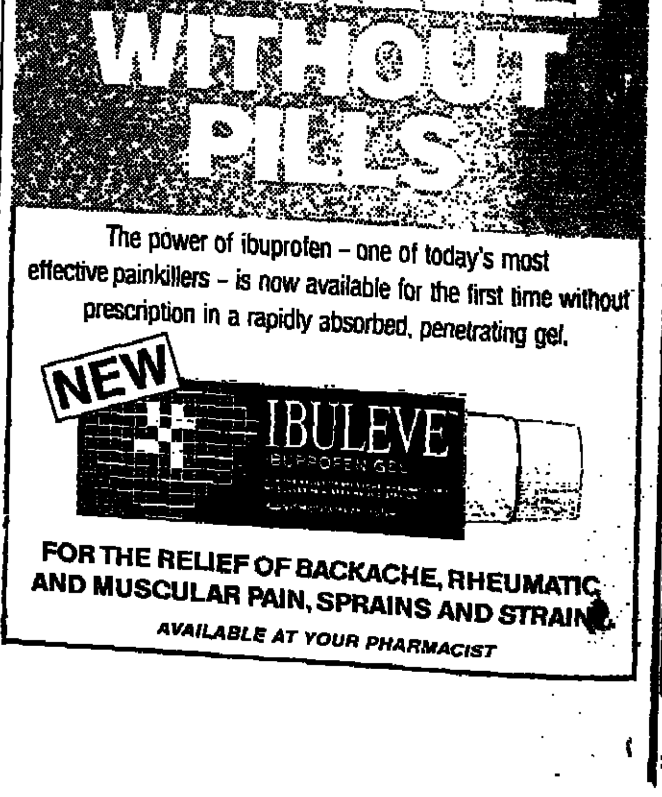
This year, similar frustration may face St Columb's College. Three members of the team are brothers, sons of Jack Gillen, chemistry teacher at the school. Adrian and Stephen Gillen are twins, and former winners of the British under-12 and under-13 championships. Their brother Peter won the Ulster under-19 championships last year, although he is only 15. But this summer he will be in the United States, taking part in the Ulster Project, a joint Catholic-Protestant enterprise, and is unlikely to be able to get to London for the finals.

Trevor Hughes, who teaches English at Hymers College, says: "It has been on the cards for a long time that we would break through to the finals. The fact that Britain has so many leading players is an incentive."

The team that most other finalists see as the one to beat is Manchester Grammar. It is the only one to have reached the finals before, and has a steady record of success.

"There is a fair smattering of national championship experience among our players," says Dr Gordon Kendall, who teaches religion and philosophy in the school. "I am not a strong player, although I suppose it has some affinity with the subjects I teach. An orderly mind and an orderly chessboard tend to go together."

GEORGE HILL



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DANCE

Junior partnership

Teachers are divided over the value of the Royal Ballet's recent educational links with schools. Debra Craine watches from the back

In Covent Garden's main ballet rehearsal studio a group of dancers is marching slowly to an insistent, regular drumbeat. Their heads down, their shoulders rounded, they are linked hand to shoulder in a simple, telling image of sorrow. The moment is effective, and completely unexpected. For this is not a rehearsal of the latest addition to the ballet repertoire; this is the Duet project, part of the Royal Ballet's education programme in schools. And the performers are only ten and eleven years old, from the Roberttown Junior and Infants School in Liversedge, West Yorkshire.

During the past eight months, about 500 children at ten schools around Britain have taken part in Duet. Royal Ballet education staff visited each school six times, teaching basic movement skills, music appreciation, aspects of stage technique and theatrical production. Two dancers from Covent Garden also went along to the schools, presenting demonstration ballet classes and giving brief performances. Children were then invited to the Royal Opera House to see a performance and tour the backstage facilities. As a finale, they choreographed their own dances, using a choice of three short piano pieces by Bartók and Satie. Two days ago, four of the schools performed their danceworks in the de Valois studio at the Opera House.

Arts organisations such as the Royal Ballet view education as an intrinsic part of their operations, not only to justify their public funding but also to help build their audiences of tomorrow. Yet their commitment can often seem half-hearted. Budgets for education are comparatively small; managements sometimes pay lip-service to the principle. This is understandable, perhaps, given that education lacks the glamour of professional performance while its rewards are not immediate and there is little public recognition for such programmes.

"More than two-thirds of the company have a regular involvement in our educational work," says Anthony Russell-Roberts, the Royal Ballet's administrative director. "With the high ticket prices we charge at the Opera House it's important we make and keep friends, and it's important to make contact at an early stage through schools and give people at an impressionable age the opportunity to know our work."

The Royal Opera House, which gets £17.8 million in Arts Council funding, spends £335,000 (or less than two per cent) of its annual budget on education, a sum divided among three companies: the Royal Opera, the Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet. Business sponsorship provides a further £335,000 for education. Half of that is used to subsidise six schools matinee performances each year, enabling 12,000 children to be introduced to ballet and opera at affordable prices.

Duet, which began in 1989, is designed to be a partnership between the Royal Ballet and schools. According to Darryl Jaffray, the company's education officer, its aim is not to teach ballet. "We teach the children *about* ballet," she says. "I am aware that the majority of the population thinks that ballet is not for them, that it's just for posh people, and I think that's very bad because it is a national resource. So the main thing is to give them an opportunity to experience ballet and to give teachers the possibility of using the resources of the Opera House."

But is an art form which is seen primarily as the pursuit of a small and privileged segment of society the ideal vehicle for education in Britain's state schools?

Consider the experience of Bell Lane Primary School in Hendon, north London, one of this year's schools, where Naomi Richardson, the deputy head, found herself disenchanted with what was on offer. "I had no idea we had to fit into an idealised mould of what dance is and what they expect."

Is an art form, seen as primarily intended for the privileged, ideal for education?

"They gave us three gruesome piano pieces to choose from and told us to plan our entire performance around one of them. They left me with this piece of Satie — *La Pêche* — and I can't read music." She found Satie's quirky rhythms completely unsuitable for young children: "I did not think the music was particularly pleasant or inspiring. It may only be 58 seconds in length but it's too hard for children to get a grip on it."

Richardson was also disappointed to find that the input of the two ballet dancers was extremely limited. They were not involved in the process of choreography; their own steps were worked out in isolation at the Opera House. In the dance-drama which her class of eight- and nine-year-olds created, the children and the dancers performed separately. "If the idea is to bring dance to children, it fails," she says.

Leighton Thomas, head teacher at Bell Lane, blames Duet's inadequacies on a lack of teaching expertise within the Opera House. But he also questions the educational value of the exercise. "What is the purpose of doing this? Is it a sales pitch for the Royal Ballet to justify the money they get? Few of these kids will ever be able to afford to see a performance at Covent Garden."

But other schools involved in Duet tell a different story. At the Westgate Primary School at Dartford in Kent, the collaboration with the Royal Ballet was judged a great success. There, Duet was related to other aspects of the curriculum: students wrote poems and essays about the ballet, they studied its history, they painted pictures of dancers, they designed costumes.

"We are trying to give children a broad and balanced curriculum and this has added one element to the balance," explains Ron Chamberlain, head teacher. "It also broadened their perceptions, gave them movement skills, built self-confidence and provided a vehicle through which quite a lot of collaborative work took place. The Royal Ballet provided the impetus and the expertise. Their input made it a much more meaningful project than we could have done ourselves."

The children of Roberttown, meanwhile, used Duet to explore their feelings. Writing poems with the titles *Sadness*, *Joy* and *Excitement*, they created their own musical accompaniment as they expressed these emotions in dances that showed the project working at its best.

For head teacher Gillian Edwards, the lasting effect is clear: "The children were thrilled. It has given them an enthusiasm for and an interest in dance and an appreciation of choreography and music as well. They will remember it for a long, long time as something very special, something they will look back on when they are older."

MICHAEL POWELL

Impetus and expertise: Anne Breckell of the Royal Ballet performs with children from Westgate Primary School, Dartford, Kent

BRIEFING

Turner restored

THE Turner Prize, the artists' version of the Booker which is run by the Tate Gallery, was missing from last year's arts calendar when its sponsorship disappeared. In 1991 it is back, richer than ever, thanks to the new sponsors, Channel 4. The prize money is doubled, to £20,000, and Channel 4 will also show a documentary on the work of the shortlisted artists a fortnight before the awards are given in a live television presentation on November 26. Nominations close on Sunday.

Body politic

ARNOLD Schwarzenegger may be following the same route as fellow actor Ronald Reagan into politics. The star of *Terminator* and *Conan the Barbarian* is tipped as a possible Republican candidate for governor of California — Reagan's old seat — should President Bush one day decide to replace vice-president Dan Quayle with Peter Wilson, the incumbent governor. Alternatively, two senate seats are vacated next year. Unlike Reagan, however, Schwarzenegger will never make it to the White House: his Austrian birth permanently excludes him from presidential office.

Elated eight

FIRST-time winners and new creative partnerships have scooped this year's Digital Dance Awards, Britain's biggest prize for dance. Eight companies will share the £100,000 in prize money. They are Laurie Booth, Jonathan Burrows, Michael Clark and Stephen Petronio, Motionhouse, Nahid Siddiqui, Nexus, The Outfit and Sakoba. All will use the money to create new dance productions.

Last chance...

NEVER stray away from nurse for fear of finding something worse. That is the moral of Alan Ayckbourn's *Invisible Friends*, a comedy about a schoolgirl who escapes from her boorish family into a fantasy that begins enticingly and ends destructively. After a greater success at the National than plays for children are supposed to achieve, the piece closes tonight in the Cottesloe Theatre (071-928 2252).

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Rewards of a mysterious, enigmatic talent

Concurrent Halifax and Liverpool shows by Alison Wilding, a young British sculptor, are reviewed by Richard Cork

From the moment visitors enter Alison Wilding's exhibition at Dean Clough Mills in Halifax, they find themselves surrounded by a mysterious white structure. Very confined, its space is nevertheless tall enough to lead the eye upwards. The light inside this funnel-like form is extraordinarily soft, blurring the angularity of the walls. They seem on the point of dissolving in the haze, but Wilding does not allow the illusion to last for long. Her exhibition is, after all, called *Exposure*, and a doorway leads from this luminous chamber, down a staircase and into the vastness of the Henry Moore Sculpture Trust Studio.

From here, we can look back and grasp precisely how Wilding has swathed the entire staircase in a colossal expanse of white polypropylene. It looks like part of an ocean-going liner, and its bleached ghostliness is reinforced by the light-diffusing varnish applied to the gallery windows. But it remains impossible to classify, between an architectural modification and an independent sculpture.

One of the most rewarding younger British sculptors to have emerged over the last decade, Wilding has always thrived on ambiguity. Elsewhere in the exhibition she provokes another set of questions, by juxtaposing a criss-cross honey-coloured structure of interlinked PVC slats with a sombre steel tunnel, closed at the far end.

Flamboyant and macabre: Alison Wilding's *Stain*, at Dean Clough Mills, Halifax

These two forms could hardly be more contrasted, yet they comprise a single sculpture called *Assembly*. Is the PVC structure about to enter the tunnel, or has it just burst out? Wilding invites us to relish the tension between transparency and solidity, complexity and plain statement, light and dark.

Her other main exhibit at Dean Clough is far more flamboyant and macabre. Next to one of the gallery's cast-iron columns, Wilding has placed an enigmatic form draped in black cloth. This acts as a bereaved presence, and stands in the centre of a steel-plated container shaped like a boat. A funeral ceremony might well be taking place at sea, and the maritime reference is confirmed by another expanse of black cloth spreading its folds and ripples acrosss the stone-flagged floor.

Since the sculpture is called *Stain*, Wilding must have intended to besmirch the space it inhabits. An oil-polluted sea is suggested, but the whole sculpture remains abstract enough to thwart anyone attempting to saddle it with a cut-and-dried meaning. In this sense, Wilding is as elusive as the meteorite she has lodged in the gallery's skylight far above our heads.

All the same, there is nothing indeterminate about her work. A survey of the sculpture she has made over the last ten years is now installed in the Tate Gallery Liverpool, and it should do much to boost Wilding's reputation.

The low-ceilinged interior, which can often seem hostile to modern sculpture, has never looked so serene. Wilding is essentially a meditative artist, and her restraint with colour confirms the overall mood of calm. Within this sobriety, though, the pressure of more disconcerting emotions gradually begins to mount. In *Scree*, a small copper vessel projects from the wall like a hungry mouth. But its opening is already half-filled with blue and grey pigment, piled up so steeply that it seems ready to spill out on to the floor.

'Many of the sinister elements in Wilding's work only reveal themselves by degrees and with stealth'

Many of the sinister elements in Wilding's work only reveal themselves by degrees. and with considerable stealth. In a brass sculpture called *Immersion*, which also gives the Tate show its title, a cylindrical form nestles with apparent comfort inside a wide container. Closer inspection discloses, however, that the vessel's surface is pierced with tiny gashes. They puncture the tranquillity of the entire piece, and inside a series of pale lips jut out of the shadows, ready to snag and tear at unwary hands that might be tempted to dip into the sculpture. They sound a note of defensiveness.

The more Wilding's work is scrutinised, the greater its internal conflicts become. In *Stormy Weather*, a tall and curving expanse of grey galvanised steel is tightly spliced in the centre with zig-zag folds and screws as openly exposed as in Richard Deacon's sculpture. It seems to have been made by an artist determined to batten down the hatches, and the notion of riding a storm is strengthened by the blend of oil, pigment and beeswax rubbed into the steel like a protective coating.

The other half of the work, a lighter-coloured and more angular piece of steel, billows like a sail. It looks poised enough to survive any battering by the elements, but in between the two parts lies a strangely disturbed bronze deposit on the floor. Murky and chaotic, it undermines the imperturbability of the steel pieces above. But in the end, their resilience withstands whatever threatens to disrupt the graceful composure which marks all of Wilding's finest achievements.

Immersion: Sculpture from Ten Years at the Tate Liverpool (051 709 3223) Tues-Sun 11am-7pm. Closed Mon except Bank Holidays. Admission free, but for this show £1 (50p) also admits to Original Eyes (watercolours). Until August 4.

Exposure at The Henry Moore Sculpture Trust Studio, Dean Clough Mills, Halifax (Information: 0532 478249). Daily 12-5pm. Admission free. Until August 11.

RECORDS: CLASSICAL

Varied responses to world music

Denyer: A Monkey's Paw. Continuum/Gamut CCD 1026
Volans: Hunting: Gathering. Kronos Quartet. Elektra Nonesuch/Warner 7559-79253-2

European musicians have been looking to the east, longingly, curiously or acquisitively, at least since the time of the Crusades, but only very recently have ears been turned to the far south, to sub-Saharan Africa, whose influence has been overwhelmingly on popular forms. However, **Frank Denyer** and **Kevin Volans** are composers who have listened to African music, though their conclusions could hardly be more unlike.

Denyer, an Englishman now in his late forties, writes pieces which seem to collect whatever offbeat resonances and resources they need as they travel along. There is a touch of the wild garden about his music: the feel is free, various and unforced.

Volans, born in South Africa and a few years younger, is an altogether more active musical horticulturist, composing for standard means in streamlined forms. Both speak of Africa in their repeating patterns and complex syncopations, but little else is shared in what they say.

As James Fulkerson points out in an engaging introduction to the Denyer record, this is music which has probably been neglected because of its unusual requirements. To take the extreme case, *A Monkey's Paw*, playing for nearly half an hour, needs a vocal ensemble singing wordlessly, groups of percussion and ocarinas, and a quartet of virtuosos on melodica, banjo, violin and tin whistle.

Given also the variety of the materials — gentle passages of medieval harmony from the ocarinas, a Gaelic fiddle solo, a long stretch from the quartet suggesting the most speculative, abstract number-weighing of Messiaen — the enterprise seems improbable.

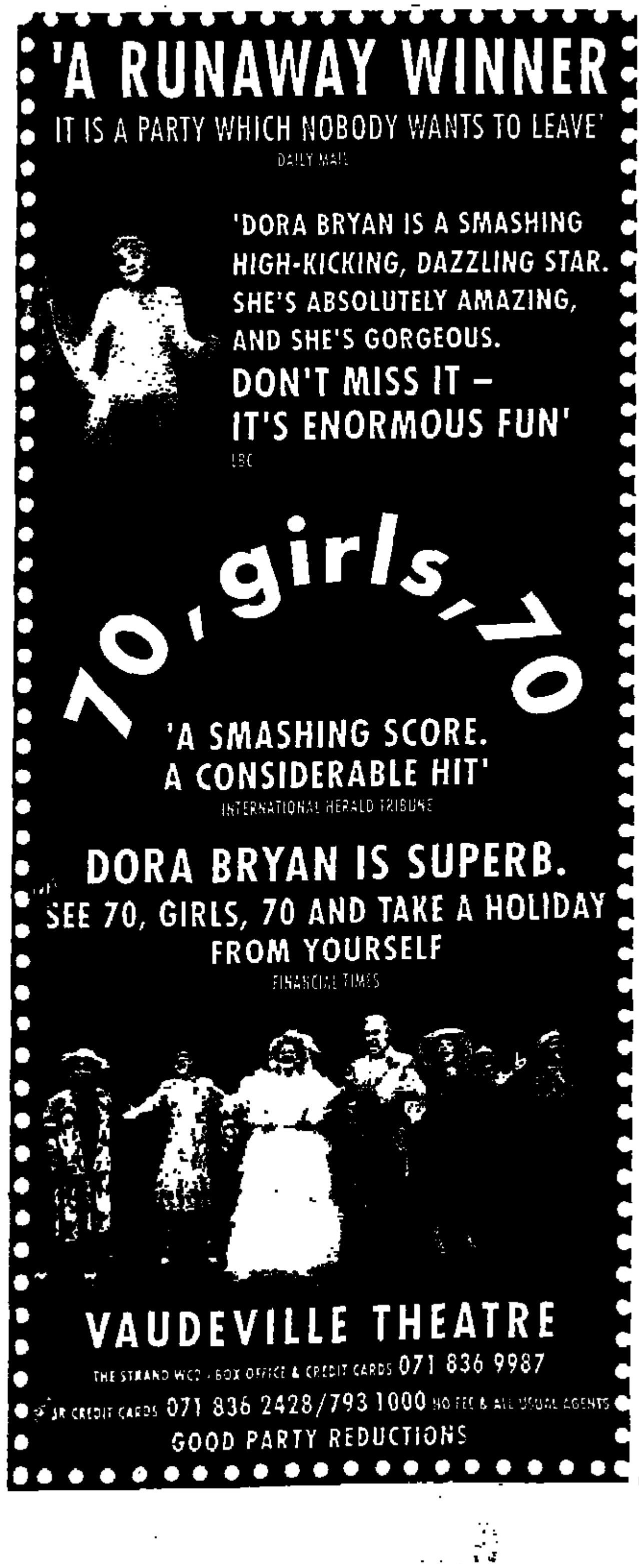
All one can say is that it works. By a deceptively simple art of shape and balance Denyer makes it possible for his diverse strands to live together. He is also blessed with dedicated support from his performers — not least the shakuhachi (Japanese recorder) player Yoshikazu Iwamoto, whose breath is a paradox of intensity and gentleness: very Denyer, this tangency to the body.

Iwamoto's presence is a reminder too, of course, that Denyer's music is not exclusively African, even if it was in Kenya that he found his selfless way to a cherishing of natural sounds and natural processes.

Volans's more sophisticated music is duly performed by the smartest group around at the moment: the **Kronos Quartet**. His second quartet, *Hunting: Gathering*, avowedly includes "as many different kinds of music as possible", but by comparison with Denyer it is very firmly focused, not only by the quartet scoring (and the very dynamic performance) but also by the insistent pulse and similarly closed melodic formulae: the cover photograph of stitched patterns of brightly coloured beads and shells is very apt.

The piece lasts just over 20 minutes and comes as one of three Kronos "singles", the others offering an empowered performance of the Lutoslawski quartet and a clutch of Piazzola tangos.

PAUL GRIFFITHS



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Martin Jacques

Labour should back electoral reform to isolate the Tories

Will one of Britain's two main parties abandon its support for first-past-the-post elections and advocate reform? The Labour party has been edging closer over the last two years. Yesterday its working party on electoral reform began to finalise an interim report which will go to the party's national executive committee next month. We should not expect any great surprises: the report will be discursive rather than prescriptive. It will not be unsympathetic to electoral reform, particularly for bodies like the Scottish Assembly, regional assemblies, European Parliament and Labour's proposed new second chamber. Labour's options will be kept open.

Labour has travelled far on electoral reform during the past decade, and the reasons are not difficult to fathom. First came self-interest. Three election defeats in a row began to convince Labour that the only way back into office was via electoral reform. But self-interest helped to open Labour minds to other questions. One was fairness, which the Alliance experience in 1983 and 1987 posed bluntly. How could one justify a system which rewarded votes so unfairly in terms of seats? Meanwhile, the steady Europeanisation of the Labour party exposed it to the troubling argument that every other European Community country uses some kind of proportional representation, so why not Britain? Finally, there is a growing recognition of the need for more fundamental constitutional reform, a sense that, as one shadow cabinet minister put it to me, constitutional matters can no longer be regarded as peripheral, but are central to the way society is run.

As a result, Labour's centre of gravity has shifted. Those like Roy Hattersley who oppose reform have lost the initiative. The key question now is how far Kinnock will move before the election. The most likely outcome is that the party will advocate electoral reform for some bodies, while leaving open the question of the Commons. This has the attraction of enabling Labour to appear to be pro-reform while not tying its hands.

Consider another possibility. Imagine that the Labour manifesto goes further and advocates electoral reform for the Commons. It recognises that this is a national rather than party matter and proposes a speakers' conference or royal commission. Further, it says that any proposals generated would be the subject of a referendum, as is only proper for great constitutional matters.

The effect could be dramatic. Labour would be seen as the party of principle, advocating a change which in some respects would be to its disadvantage. Nothing would more clearly signal it had embraced new values. Labour is no longer identified with the public sector in the way that it was. It has distanced itself from the unions and turned to Europe. Electoral reform would complete the jigsaw. Many of the doubters who have deserted Labour over the last 15 years would find this compelling evidence of change. One of the questions frequently asked of the new-model Labour party is what does it stand for. By espousing electoral reform, Labour would immediately occupy the high ground and leave the country in no doubt it would be a reforming government. The Liberal Democrats would be obliged to welcome the move, and the Tories would be forced yet further on to the defensive.

A pipedream? Certainly it is unlikely, but it is not impossible. On this matter, as on many others, Neil Kinnock has shown extraordinary flexibility. I suspect he himself is rather in favour of electoral reform. Providing the party can be convinced, he may just embrace it.

With the Cold War over, the Pentagon and the CIA are fighting to be spymaster, writes **Peter Stothard**

Thoughts about secrets

Sir Percy Cradock, the prime minister's top intelligence adviser, has become a fondly regarded face in the Pentagon. The reason is not that he is seen as particularly charming (although he is), nor that the American military thinks that it needs his advice on Hong Kong (which it does not, yet), nor even that a special new Anglo-American operation is in the pipeline (at least not to my knowledge). There is a more prosaic reason for defence secretary Richard Cheney's interest in the man who directs British intelligence traffic through the corridors of Downing Street: Mr Cheney is conducting a bureaucratic battle to control his own spies, and on the strategies necessary for inter-service fighting. Sir Percy is considered a modest master.

Bureaucratic reform is the bane of the good spy's life. Everyone from Peter Wright to the anonymous hero thinks the grey men are out to get him. And frequently, they are right.

Operators are always more interesting than paper-shufflers. Among those who follow intelligence matters closely, the big question is whether Robert Gates, President Bush's nominated Central Intelligence Agency chief (who likes to be seen as a bureaucrat), was a bit of an operator, too. Mr Gates's congressional confirmation may be threatened if he is judged to have been too closely involved in schemes such as the alleged "October Surprise" to stop the Iranian embassy hostages being released until Ronald Reagan had won the 1980 election.

But for the smart men and women within the intelligence services, there are more pressing matters than Mr Gates's career. They wonder whether the new CIA chief, whoever it is, will have an empire to run at all or whether the civilian service will gradually be reduced to an operations unit for the men who won the Gulf war. America's manifold intelligence community has often been reported to be at odds with itself. Semi-autonomous groups work for individual services, and for individual branches within services, and for individual units within branches. The results are supposed to be co-ordinated with the work of the CIA's own agents in a complex process under the control of a director of intelligence who, by tradition, is also head of the CIA.

Critics charge, however, that the co-ordination is often perfunctory, illogical or crushed by the weight of internal contradictions which are ignored rather than resolved. In the realm of battlefield analysis, where the British are considered superior, America has been charged with being especially weak — most recently by General Norman Schwarzkopf. In the political realm, the CIA has had to struggle hard to explain its long-standing exaggeration of Soviet productivity and national cohesion.

Bush man: Gates is nominated CIA director last month

None of these charges is new in itself, but Operation Desert Storm has boosted the power of the Pentagon in ways Washington is just beginning to see. Intelligence-gathering and analysis consumes more than $30 billion (£18.35 billion) a year. Now that the fight is on for shares of reduced post cold war budgets, the need for spenders to justify their expenditure is all the greater. The Pentagon is putting its own house in order — and opponents fear it will then move against the vital interests of the CIA.

This fight may provide answers to some old and new questions. For example, has intelligence gathering become too dominated by satellites and bugging devices, too little dependent on the human agents who alone can make intelligent assessments about the enemy? The failure to anticipate the invasion of Iraq is held to support the answer, yes. More fundamentally, what is the nature of intelligence in a world no longer divided by simple ideology and where the greatest threat to American interests may lie not in a Moscow missile silo, but in a French computer factory or a Japanese biotechnology lab?

Former senior CIA figures such as Herb Meyer (who worked for William Casey in the Reagan administration) predict a rapid growth in the collection of industrial intelligence for policy-makers. Six years ago, Mr Gates himself predicted that the CIA's monitoring role would extend from genetic research to new manufacturing techniques.

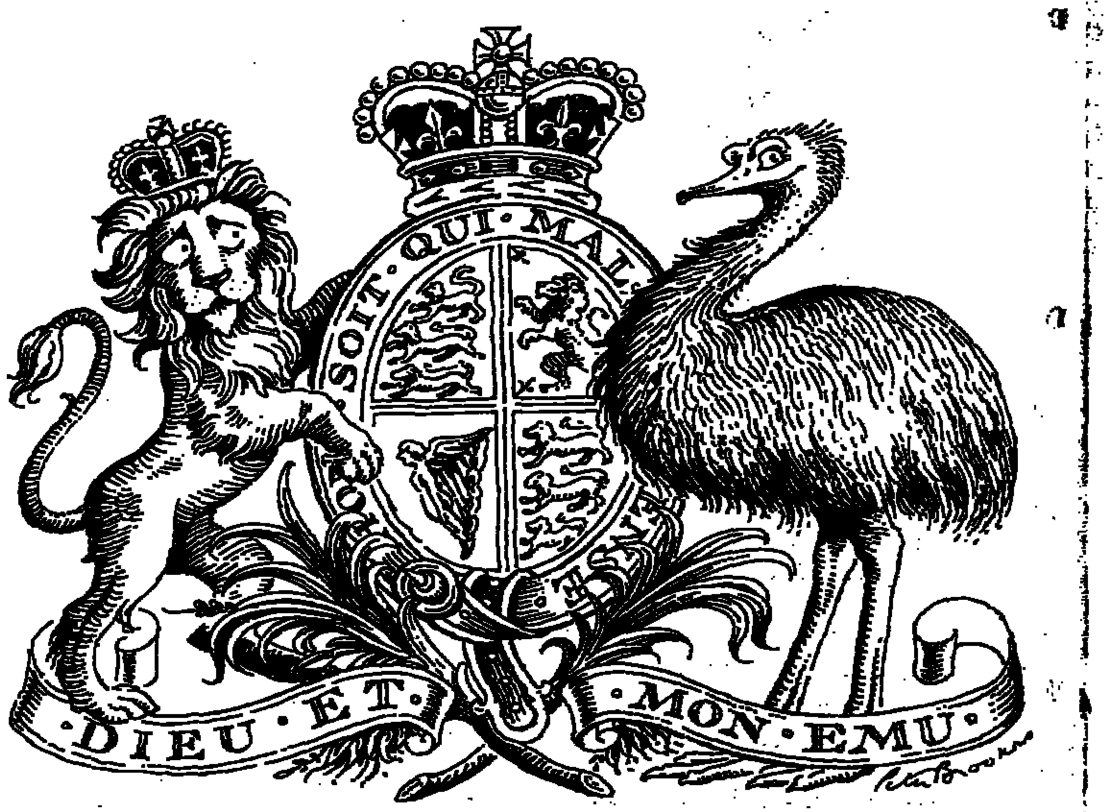
Yet the American system has difficulties in digesting such intelligence. If the CIA were to hand to an American company information about a Japanese-German industrial merger, it would be in breach of the law, even if commercial counteraction were the only way to protect the national interest. Other countries, Mr Meyer suggests, are less legally bound and less scrupulous.

The most substantial Pentagon reform so far has been to cut back its layers of wasteful and overlapping military activity. Today the most feared intelligence man in the famous five-sided building is the recently promoted manager of operations, Duane Andrews, a former aide to the House intelligence oversight committee when Mr Cheney was a congressman. To the horror of the generals and admirals — who have traditionally liked to have their own secret files — Mr Andrews has begun a policy of combining intelligence gathering into single centres. Britain is to be the base for the Joint Intelligence Centre for Europe, a site where former rivals from army, navy, airforce, marines and CIA will have to work together.

In a rare interview recently, Mr Andrews compared the exercise with "walking into a room full of china all on the floor — with people complaining that we were going in to break up their rice bowl". The airforce, he said, had separate headquarters for five intelligence units which would be reduced to one, freeing money for new priorities, such as more agents on the ground to feed back information to policy-makers.

But however successful the cost-cutting may be, it is merely a precursor to the bigger battle about how the money that remains will be spent, who will spend it and why. Sir Percy and Mr Cheney will have plenty of scope to continue their private talks, whatever the latest revelations from the folks who investigate on the hill.

The Lion need not fear Emu



No super-state is planned, insists **Leon Brittan**, but we must be ready to compromise

One word carelessly placed in the preamble to a draft treaty amendment has sent Britain into a spin about its future in Europe. Is this anxiety justified? Is Britain about to be ambushed at the Luxembourg summit? And if not, is the isolation of Britain merely delayed because of a successful but temporary diplomatic fending-off operation, or is an acceptable outcome to the two intergovernmental conferences attainable?

As far as federalism is concerned, the key point is that the actual proposals contained even in the present draft treaty would not create a federation or anything like one. So why include in the preamble the aspiration to federalism in the future? The European Commission has certainly not proposed it, and while there are many individuals in EC institutions who support the idea, several governments find it unpalatable. A fully fledged federal state similar to the American model is not in prospect for the community.

In any event, as Douglas Hurd has rightly remarked, federalism means different things to different people. In Britain it has come to be interpreted as something imposed from above at the expense of national sovereignty. For others, such as Germany and Belgium, it implies devolution of power away from the centre, so its connotations for them are quite the opposite of centralising bureaucracy.

There is a high degree of understanding within the commission and in the member states that ambiguity of this kind serves no useful purpose, and the reference to federalism is likely to be dropped ultimately, if not at Luxembourg this week.

Betting on the outcome of forthcoming summits, however, is a risky business. I cannot be sure there will be no "crunch", when EC heads of government meet in Luxembourg on Friday and Saturday, but there is no need for it and it should be avoided. John Major has won the confidence of his European partners, most of whom realise that there is too much fine-tuning to be done between now and December for any firm decisions to be taken this weekend.

But Britain must and does appreciate that it cannot and should not stop others progressing towards monetary union and a single currency if they so desire. Several important questions relating to European economic and monetary union have yet be resolved, such as the shape and duration of phase two and the criteria for convergence. They cannot all be settled this week. However, the heads of government cannot be expected just to give their negotiators a pat on the back and an exhortation to carry on the good work. Progress on a few of the points, and guidelines to negotiators for the future outcome on other more difficult ones, can reasonably be expected. This should not present an insuperable obstacle for Britain.

Britain's main difficulty has been the question of principle: its refusal to commit the present parliament to moving to a single currency. But this has now in effect been resolved.

There is broad acceptance both in Britain and within the community of the idea I first suggested last October, which has now been put forward by Jacques Delors. This would allow Britain to sign an Emu treaty in December but leave parliament the unfettered right to decide in several years' time both whether and when to move to a single currency. Such a solution will certainly be acceptable to Britain's partners.

If the currency union works, the force of experience (not blackmail from other community states) will convince Britain to sign up. On the other hand, as Emu progresses, more and more states will come round to the idea — supported most of all by Britain and Germany — that monetary union will work only if the inflation, interest rates and budget deficits of the economies within it converge adequately. Significantly, the majority of anti-Europeans (for example, Teddy Taylor) are content with a solution along these lines. They are convinced that either our partners will not proceed to the final stage of Emu or that if they do, a future parliament will refuse to join it. I am convinced that Emu will happen and that when the time comes, Britain will not want to stay out of it. If those with widely varying views can support the same solution for different reasons, the Conservative party need no longer be divided on this.

Looking at Emu, alongside the other matters being considered in the two conferences, the notion that Britain is perpetually in a minority of one when negotiating in Europe is both wrong and unconstructive, and will do little to help during the tough months of negotiation which lie ahead. Germany, for example, is loath to accept a monetary union which would water down the disciplines of its own Bundesbank; France, another firm advocate of Emu, has doubts over the idea of creating a European central bank hermetically sealed from political influence; it is also wary of giving more powers to the European Parliament and the commission; meanwhile, the Netherlands has yet to be convinced that closer European co-operation over defence would not jeopardise the transatlantic link held in place by Nato. Britain has its own distinct viewpoint on all these matters. On none of them is it on its own.

The government should nonetheless be ready to give and take as it approaches the Luxembourg summit. Germany will almost certainly be willing to do the same, despite its doubts: the German government may be prepared to drop its reserve on aspects of monetary union if it feels that the talks on political union will go some way to unplugging the so-called "democratic deficit" by making EC policy more accountable to politicians, notably through the European Parliament. Those who complain about the lack of accountability of the commission should be ready to make at least some moves in that direction. There is usually no point in standing out for an abstract principle if the deal in practice meets Britain's interests.

Britain already accepts the need for a community role in foreign affairs, but fears that to go too far in the realm of security and defence will undermine Nato. The government would do better to insist that the European defence pillar remain firmly within Nato, using the Western European Union as a bridge until co-operation in defence can be built around the community itself. This would encourage the Americans to see that we are finally bearing our share of the defence burden, and would keep us in the vanguard of European defence, where we belong.

Other matters are still unsettled, but with Britain's main point of principle on Emu virtually resolved, and with a negotiating approach consisting of firmness on the essentials, but a readiness to do deals on the details, there is no reason why Tristan Garel-Jones's prediction should not be fulfilled and a pair of treaties agreed in December. This would be a step forward for Europe and a considerable diplomatic success for Mr Major.

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ALAN COREN

They should have come to me. I could have helped them. I am an old hand. Indeed, when shrill cries echo across the local greensward, foremost among them these many years has been, "Oh God, what is it now, not the old hand again?"

At which I give only the most dismissive of stoic nods, gird the loin, or at any rate the wrist, and get on with it. No tantrums. Just a bit of trusty old rag steeped in Sloane's Liniment. It is what we call attitude, and I shall come to it in a bit. First things, however, first.

You will have seen Karoly Seles banging on last weekend anent the withdrawal of the Number One Seed, both his and Wimbledon's. "Monica is tired," he explained. "When she gets up in the morning, she can hardly walk. We will find a doctor who will change her diet, because a lot depends on that. She will have to forget her favourite food of french fries and ketchup."

If only he had mentioned this earlier. If only he had rung me. I began playing competitive tennis well before Monica was a gleam in Mark McCormack's eye, and when I get up in the morning I can hardly crawl, but within minutes I am ready to wipe the floor with anyone. This is all down to diet. Nobody in his right mind touches french fries or ketchup before a big match, partly because you cannot inhale potato (as Sir Walter Raleigh discovered when he was sorting out his souvenirs), partly because the tomato is nought per cent proof. For myself, I rely totally on my own favourite foods, Capstan Full Strength and Vat 69: a couple of the former before you hobble on court are invaluable in inhibiting the madness which encourages some players to run headlong after balls they have no hope of reaching, and a stiff belt of the latter not only does wonders for settling the nerves, it also enables you to play shots that do not exist in any manual; for example, my legendary forehand rim, which flies vertically off the frame and has frequently remained aloft long enough to reduce my opponent to hysteria, leaving him capable of only the feeblest return which I have then effortlessly put away with that unplayable cross-court volley I do off the handle.

I cannot, I am afraid, reveal what it is off the handle of. You will have heard that one of the pressures on poor Jennifer Capriati is her myriad sponsorship deals; unlike her, I long ago anticipated the headaches such responsibilities bring, and approached a number of manufacturers who were more than happy to provide me with equipment, provided I kept my mouth shut about what I played with. Thus, no contractual worries dog my game, especially as I have taken the further precaution of unpicking the logo from my shirt, lest Fred Perry has smart lawyers.

It will therefore be obvious to you that I would also be unlikely to be put off my stroke, if I ever found one, by the sort of stresses that threaten poor Agassi, whose fanatical support depends utterly upon that iridescent toilette which must take up so much pre-match time which could be better spent in pouring stiffies. Were he to select an unpopular shade of puce, or drop-earrings that did nothing for his stubble, his immense teenage following would defect on the spot, taking his confidence with it. My own game, on the other hand, has neither relied on the fickle boost of groupies, nor risked its sapping sexual obverse: true, the occasional granny has approached me in the hope of a quick set to boost her confidence, but no consequence has ever arisen to enervate my service or excite the tabloids.

As for tantrums or other infringements, what umpire would presume to distinguish the unacceptable in a style for which racket abuse is already too generous a description?

Nor was I spoiled by early attention and the fortune beckoning in its wake. Though I started playing at eight, I have not yet been spotted, and I shall take good care to see that no one spots me now. I do not intend to be whisked off to some Bollettierian hothouse and compelled to cut down to one pack and half a bottle a day only to end up burned out at sixty.

What a level-headed fellow, you will cry! His psyche will never plummet to the nadir which Boris Becker recently testified as having tempted him to that bourne from which no service returns. He will never chuck himself beneath the 8.14.

Damn right. Anyway, I should probably miss.

Special service

Our most secretive regiment, the SAS, takes a rare step into the spotlight next month when it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Among the planned events is a special service at Hereford Cathedral, the regiment's spiritual headquarters.

The service is primarily to honour those who first fought under its famous motto "Who dares wins", in the second world war. Details are being kept under wraps for security reasons, but some of the special service's most famous members have been invited, including Patrick Leigh-Fermor, the writer and war hero, Earl Jellicoe and Colonel David Sutherland. Those who helped the SAS during its operations abroad, including some of the Greek mountaineers who acted as runners for Leigh-Fermor, are also expected to attend.

"The jubilee celebrations will be conducted as modest, low-key, informal reunions," says the defence ministry. "These gatherings aim to bring together the widely dispersed SAS family to remember the past achievements of the regiment, and not to dwell on current capabilities or recent events such as the Gulf campaign." Speculation continues that the Gulf war honours, likely to be announced in the next few days, will include at least one VC awarded to an SAS man.

Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who joined the SAS in the winter of 1941, a few months after it had been founded by Sir David Stirling in the western deserts of North Africa, will be at the service. "This is the first such service I can remember," he says. His only regret is that Sir David, who died last year, will not be present. "He would have been very proud," says Sir Fitzroy.

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● *Lambeth Council, always keen to promote its socialist credentials, has now taken to replacing its blue litter bins with bright red ones. It is all part of the council's new colours, which are meant to be a creamy red in place of the old blue. However, the finance department has just sent out a memo with a new logo, but on blue paper. As Hugh Jones, leader of the Conservative group, said: "They probably don't like their stationery in the red."*

Plum job

Fans of P.G. Wodehouse are campaigning for a memorial stone to be put up in Westminster Abbey. The Queen Mother is a devoted fan, but the merits of Wodehouse are not, it seems, appreciated at the abbey. The popularity of Granada television's adaptation of *Jeeves and Wooster*, starring Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry, has brought Wodehouse's popularity with a new generation, but the authorities at the abbey still will not budge.

William Douglas-Home, the playwright, is spearheading the campaign with Richard Usborne, author of *A Wodehouse Companion*, but the claim joins a distinguished line-up of authors, including Virginia Woolf and the former Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman.

Richard Usborne, who has adapted many Wodehouse novels and stories for BBC radio, hoped that the dean and chapter at the abbey would change their minds. "The answer is no but only for now," he says. "We will persevere because he is a giant of English literature.

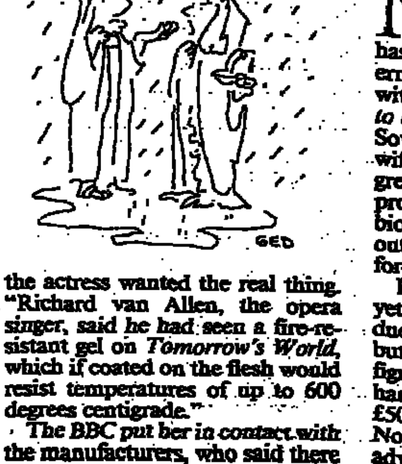
Summer scorcher

Out out brief candle, indeed. Keeping the flame alight during the famous Lady Macbeth scene in the Open Air Theatre's production in Regent's Park was never going to be easy in such a summer. Then Nicola McAuliffe, who plays the part, decided she would prefer to plunge her hands not into a candle, but into a bowl of fire.

The Magician's Circle was consulted and suggested an illusion created with a borax solution. But the actress wanted the real thing. "Richard van Allen, the opera singer, said he had seen a fire-resistant gel on *Tomorrow's World*, which if coated on the flesh would resist temperatures of up to 600 degrees centigrade."

The BBC put her in contact with the manufacturers, who said there was just one difficulty: the gel is green. Following requests from stunt men and circus acts they had manufactured about 2lb in a flesh colour, but the last of this went to Pinewood for *Aliens 3*. "I asked if the studio had any spare, and they gave me enough for my scene," says McAuliffe.

How is the production faring in the face of the adverse elements? "We have had lots of Japanese tourists, who sit without coats or umbrellas, getting soaked. They love it. They think this is what British culture is all about."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● *The Cold War really must be over. Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord, has just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, the first undertaken by anyone of his rank in our forces. "I was impressed with how open the Soviets were and how keen they are to strengthen our relationship." So much so they presented Oswald with the new uniform of a Soviet submarine commanding officer. Next step a Soviet application to join Nato?*

Now hear this

Never one to leave the limelight solely to her husband, Raisa Gorbachev has signed a contract with a Western publisher for her own story, with the intriguing title of *I Want to be Heard*. Could this mean the Soviet leader does not listen to his wife, or is she clamouring for a greater role? The book is being promoted as more than an autobiography, with a section setting out the Soviet first lady's blueprint for the world's future.

Her London publishers are "not yet ready" to talk about the book, due for publication in September, but literary agents suggest a six-figure sum would have changed hands — possibly as much a[illegible] £500,000. Not quite in Stormi[illegible] Norman's league of the £3 millio[illegible] advance, or that of her husban[illegible] and Boris Yeltsin, who gave th[illegible] considerable royalties to cha[illegible] but sufficient to keep her for l[illegible] in a style to which the Soviets a[illegible] unaccustomed.

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STEWARDING LANDSCAPE

The 1990s are destined to be a traumatic decade for the British countryside. Too much land is being farmed, and not a week passes without some new harbinger of gloom for the farming industry. Battle between protectors and exploiters has been joined over alternative uses. *The Times* reports today that if every golf course planning application were granted, an area the size of the Isle of Wight would be covered in fairways and bunkers. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has called for a "common European rural policy".

Yesterday came yet another proposal, Michael Heseltine's "countryside stewardship" scheme. Its laudable aim is to protect the landscape and help farmers to shift from intensive, heavily subsidised, agriculture. Change is inevitable. British taxpayers and consumers are beginning to protest at the costs of keeping in production farms that are uncompetitive in world markets. But whatever criticism might have been justified in the past of wealthy farm lobbies and the politicians who indulged them, those whose livelihoods are at stake in rural Britain now need sympathetic and constructive debate.

Bodies such as the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association have naturally been putting in their bids for "custodian" status. There is already a plethora of schemes: "set-aside", conservation grants, management agreements, sites of special scientific interest, environmentally sensitive areas, rural conservation areas. Half Britain's farms are of less than 40 acres, and half of its farmers already derive most of their income from non-farm activities — not just golf courses, but caravan parks, chalets, conference centres, workshops and holiday homes.

Many farmers are desperately trying to withdraw themselves from the narcotic of subsidy. In doing so, they confront the paradoxical opposition of the same conservationists who objected to their nitrate pollution, deforestation and hedge removal. But whereas the urban property market can usually sustain a listed Georgian terrace or Victorian facade, the public's "demand" for beautiful landscape cannot be so easily converted into the cash to keep it that way.

No price relationship between demand and supply can be quite so delicate as that for beauty in the countryside. There is a large public demand for British landscape. The qualities enjoyed — fields, woods, hedges, streams, footpaths, bridleways, livestock and wild flowers — might embrace a more natural wilderness than the present intensely farmed acres of much of Britain. But even wilderness requires some management. And just as the best custodians of historic homes have been those who actually live in them, so the best custodians of the landscape are likely to be farmers.

One route to keeping farmers on the land is to enable them to profit from its public enjoyment. This implies sympathetic planning policies towards farmers wishing to convert land and buildings to non-farm use, but subject to firm aesthetic and environmental rules. But a purely market-based transition from over-intensive, heavily subsidised farming could ruin much of the countryside and many farmers with it.

New subsidy arrangements are unavoidable. What is crucial is to prevent them mushrooming out of hand, as have those from Brussels, or becoming a disguised rural welfare system. Mr Heseltine's ten-year land-management contracts point in the right direction, with their emphasis on restoring vulnerable landscapes and traditional features. They should become a template for contracts with county planning and national park authorities. Mr Heseltine's zest for nationalising local government should not be extended to nationalising the landscape as well. But this is a step down the road to a new future for the landscape and welcome for that.

BREAKING WITH BELGRADE

After months of false alarms and predictions of civil war that never materialised, Yugoslavia's two richest republics, Croatia and Slovenia, have declared independence and threaten to break all constitutional links with Belgrade. Deaf to foreign entreaties and threats of bloody retribution from Serbia, the largest republic, the two nationalist governments insist that the federation created by Josip Broz Tito is no longer acceptable to them. To all appearances, the country is breaking up. But Yugoslavs are skilled in the art of walking into brick walls and then miraculously through them. The runes are still far from unmistakable.

The declarations will be seen as a provocation by Serbia. They could quickly lead to bloodshed: it takes little to ignite the tinder of pent-up hatred, wartime memories and mutual suspicion between ethnic groups all of which have blood on their hands. The federal army will have difficulty in holding the ring, and the dissident republics have created economic chaos. The federal government cannot even set a budget so long as they insist on withholding tax revenues.

Yet Croatia and Slovenia have been left in no doubt that they are stepping out into an unwelcoming world. In Berlin last week, the 35 members of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe issued an unexpectedly firm statement (to which Yugoslavia assented) urging all parties to resolve their differences. No Western nation is ready to grant Zagreb and Ljubljana diplomatic recognition. In Belgrade last week, James Baker spelt out Washington's disapproval in blunt language. Jacques Delors has been equally uncompromising in insisting that separately, the republics can only hang. Such counsels carry weight, because most Yugoslavs are intent on moving closer to the West.

Much depends now on whether Croatia and Slovenia regard their declarations as the end of negotiations, or the first step towards a looser type of confederation. The old federal Yugoslavia was a mess, whose natural collapse was staved off only by Tito's iron rule and personality. UDI is perhaps the only way to bring it home to still-communist Serbia that a revamped version of the present rotten structure is not enough: Yugoslavia must now be reformed as a loose confederation that pays far more respect to the different histories, economies and customs of the six republics and their patchwork of peoples, religions and cultures.

Complete separation might be the aim of the ultra-nationalists; but it is impractical. There are too many peoples scattered in too many enclaves to make for tidy borders and political autonomy. No republic is yet rich enough to stand on its own; all depend crucially on trade with each other.

When the collective presidency of all six republics met Jacques Delors in Belgrade recently, none dissented from his proposed formula of a confederation based on a common currency, common market and common foreign and defence policies. Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia, whose new governments are as democratic as Slovenia's and Croatia's, are attempting to broker a looser confederation, with the support of the reforming federal government of Ante Markovic. Their peacemaking deserves what encouragement the outside world can give.

Yugoslavia is the first test case for the CSCE's conciliation and conflict prevention machinery. The 35 nations, including Yugoslavia, must follow their declaration with real effort to help the republics work out a new relationship. The leaders of Croatia and Slovenia have been provocative in many of their dealings with Belgrade. The bad blood was inevitable, especially in the face of an attempt to hold together by force a marriage that had long soured. But President Franjo Tudjman and President Milan Kucan must show statesmanship now.

MARTIAL ART OF MEMORY

Military memoirs have always been a popular genre, but none can have coined as much for an author as General Norman Schwarzkopf's autobiography has already received in advance. A sum well over $5 million is said to have been agreed, though the author is sensibly keeping quiet about the details. The unseemly manner in which the Schwarzkopf name is being marketed, though not the fault of its reputedly modest bearer, is unlikely to endear him to his West Point contemporaries. Publishers are much given to speculating on works as yet unwritten. Nobody should take any notice.

Many years must elapse before the value of the general's book as a primary historical source is clear. It will be ghosted. The reader of military history does not expect a fancy style, but authenticity of tone is all-important. A shrewd ghost writer will allow the general's oral mannerisms to leave their mark on the text. A good ear and an intimate acquaintance with both the autobiographer and the field of action are the most useful gifts of a literary ghost. Bismarck's faithful political adviser, Lothar Bucher, drove himself to an early grave while organising his deposed master's rambling dictation into the semblance of a coherent apologia. The result was a bestseller.

Soldiers' memoirs that endure are not, on the whole, compiled by surrogates. Inspiring or repellent, the most readable war memoirs are first-hand: Xenophon's *Anabasis* and Julius Caesar's *Gallic Wars*, the autobiographies of the renaissance swashbucklers Gotz ("Ironhand") von Berlichingen; the impersonal histories of Grant and Sherman, Roberts and Moltke; and the self-dramatising of T. E. Lawrence and Churchill.

In keeping with the ideological nature of 20th-century warfare, most modern military memoirs are an extension of war by other means. The dispassionate overview to which soldiers have aspired since the Greek naval commander Thucydides wrote his history of the Peloponesian War has only rarely been attempted since the first world war. Ludendorff's memoirs were intended to prove that the German army was stabbed in the back; *Mein Kampf* is a corporal's-eye-view of the same preposterous thesis.

After the second world war, it was the same story of self-exculpation. Montgomery's *Memoirs* damaged his reputation by failing to acknowledge mistakes. On the German side, Mannstein's *Lost Victories* blamed Hitler for the German defeats on the eastern front, and dissociated the army from Nazi crimes. But Mannstein's *aide de camp* later told his story, too: the field marshal had been told of massacres behind the lines, and had done nothing to thwart or depose Hitler.

Memorable memoirs by military men have always been rare birds; today they are almost extinct. Modern generals have either been dour professionals or megalomaniacal impostors, both improbable candidates to write well on war. In the Gulf, the professional beat the impostor with such ease that General Schwarzkopf's hardest task will be to generate any suspense at all. One uncertainty remains: Saddam Hussein is still in power. By the time Norman Schwarzkopf's book appears, could it be scooped by Saddam's? His last revenge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dangers of ignoring federal issue

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, It is now suggested (report, June 22) that we should not pay much attention to the idea of "federation" as promoted in the recent draft of a proposed treaty to amend the constitution of the European Communities and, very forcibly, by M Delors in speaking about that draft. The suggestion is as mischievous as it is dangerous.

The draft treaty (which the European Commission could supply to me only in French) would affirm, in Article A, its character as a step towards "*une Union à vocation fédérale*" and that, by it, the High Contracting Parties "*instituent entre Elles une Union*".

Article B would commit that Union to a single currency and to single foreign, security and defence policies; and would impose on me a Union citizenship (*citoyenneté de l'Union*) which I do not desire or need.

Article D would accord to the President of the Commission, as a member of the Council, a status very different from his proper, subordinate position of being in attendance as head of the new federal state's civil service.

Article E would affirm respect for *le principe de subsidiarité* — a so-called principle hitherto so disregarded that it could not be adopted without definition. There is no definition in the draft.

By Article F.3 the new Union would be endowed (*L'Union se dote*) with whatever means are necessary to achieve its objectives and carry out its policies, and no doubt it is envisaged that there is to be a great increase in the funds to be placed in the spendthrift hands of the Community.

In the draft supplied Articles G to U (inclusive) have been suppressed. My wish to understand and take part in what ought to be a great and public debate is not well served by that suppression and no doubt it does not affect M Delors and other privileged participators in the debate.

Article W would give the Commission itself a remarkable power to propose changes in the constitution of the new federal Union. Although pleasing to power-seeking bureaucrats, that surely cannot be acceptable to anyone else. And Article W would also set a fixed (probably early) date for a review of the founding treaties "*dans la perspective d'un renforcement du caractère fédéral de l'Union*".

The strong impression is of a new *federal Union* with great new powers exercised at the centre. For us to sign and accept such a treaty on the basis that we, as a member state, could stand aside from any of its commitments would be absurd. Commitment to such overwhelming change in our constitutional arrangements would be implicit in the signature and acceptance of the treaty. That is what we would be told later. We should not accept such a "fudge" even though commended to us by M Delors and Sir Leon Brittan.

We have made a limited transfer of governmental powers to the Communities. Even if the limited powers so transferred were being used economically and efficiently and to our advantage, we could not be criticised for refusing to agree to the transfer of further powers or to new changes in the constitution of the Communities.

If others want further powers to be transferred and new constitutional changes to be made, *they* should try to persuade *us*; and before any such transfer or change is made our government at Westminster ought to be satisfied that it has *our* well-informed and wholehearted approval.

Yours truly,
LEOLIN PRICE,
10 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
June 24.

Need to resolve future of football

From the Chief Executive of the Football League

Sir, I read with great interest your leading article of June 22, "Football's feud", which highlighted the present dispute between the Football Association and the Football League. Indeed, I feel there is considerable merit in your suggestion that the minister for sport should appoint an independent mediator of the stature of Lord Justice Taylor to resolve the impasse which currently threatens the national game.

An independent study by management consultants Touche Ross (report, June 13) recently showed that more than half the clubs remaining in the Football League would face extinction if the Football Association's plans for a super league became a reality.

In addition, a Gallup poll (report, May 23) of football fans indicated that seven out of ten supporters were opposed to the concept of a breakaway super league, whilst they unanimously endorsed the view that the FA and the League should get together without pre-conditions to resolve the future of football.

Our view has always been, and remains, that we would prefer to resolve this issue by agreement and we have no desire to see the present difficulties degenerate into a time-consuming and costly legal wrangle.

However, we do perceive fundamental differences between the FA's concept for the future and the clubs which it seeks to take into its fold — on the number of clubs who would eventually make up the Premier League, for example. It may be, therefore, that the area of conflict between the professional game and the governing body is simply being moved from one place to another. In contrast, I have been given a mandate by the Second Division to offer a compromise to the First Division clubs which we hope they will find attractive.

The Football League remains committed to making progress and taking the game forward; after all, we began this whole debate with our discussion document, *One Game, One Team, One Voice*, in which we highlighted numerous areas for improvement.

I should point out, however, that if your suggestion of a mediator is to be effected, then the Football Association Council will need to be discouraged from making any decision which might prejudice the position when it debates the issue at its meeting next Saturday.

We hope the council will allow adequate time for further talks aimed at an amicable settlement, as its blueprint has only been out for a week (report, June 19) and the financial projections have not yet been detailed.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR SANDFORD,
Chief Executive,
The Football League,
Winchester House,
259-269 Old Marylebone Road, NW1.
June 24.

State of the union

From Professor Earl Russell

Sir, I am glad that Jonathan Clark has introduced a historical dimension into the current debate on Europe and sovereignty. However, you have done him no service by printing his article under the heading: "*England's* very peculiar state" (June 19). As Dr Clark knows very well, the state which now enjoys sovereignty is not England: it is Britain.

Britain as a state owes its origins to the Act of Union of 1707. In that Act, England and Scotland, two sovereign nation states, agreed to pool sovereignty while retaining their national identities and many of their separate institutions. This is very much the pattern Sir Geoffrey Howe has recommended. They even agreed to set up a single currency while keeping separate national banknotes.

If Mrs Thatcher and her allies think that pooling of national sovereignty is always impossible or impermissible, they should join with the Scottish Nationalists in introducing a bill to repeal the Act of Union.

Yours faithfully,
RUSSELL,
House of Lords.

From the Reverend Graham Weeks

Sir, Jonathan Clark does explain much about "England's very peculiar state". However, not all sides in seventeenth-century England regarded human sovereignty as absolute. The common Christian pre-enlightenment view was that rulers are under the law of God. They are not free to make up laws at their own convenience.

Samuel Rutherford, in *Lex Rex* (1644), following John Calvin, argued that law divine, not natural, is king. All rulers are God's servants and if they tyranically abuse that trust the "lesser magistrate" (the legislature) have a responsibility to resist. Such resistance caused one king to lose more than his crown.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM J. WEEKS,
International Presbyterian Church,
Drayton Green, Ealing, W13.

Soldiers' compensation

From Mr David Winnick, MP for Walsall North (Labour)

Sir, It is perfectly understandable that on both sides of the House there is much concern over the decision by the Ministry of Defence not to pay compensation to the Grenadier Guardsmen Adrian Hicks, Sean Povey and John Ray (report, June 22). All three suffered the loss of both legs and other injuries when a buried shell exploded while they were digging a trench during a training exercise in Canada in July 1989.

During a recent brief Commons debate on the matter the minister confirmed that the injured soldiers were in no way to be blamed for what occurred; since, however, the ministry have been advised that there was no negligence on their part, they have therefore come to the conclusion that no one is to be blamed and compensation cannot be paid.

Sean Povey is a constituent of mine who is still in a military hospital two years after the accident. He joined the Grenadier Guards at 18 and was a year older when the tragedy occurred. A teacher at the school he attended wrote and told me how proud Sean was to join the army at the first opportunity, and that he had no wish to pursue another career. I am sure the same applies to his two colleagues injured at the same time.

Unless the ministry relents, the case will almost certainly go to court; but is this the proper way to treat these three soldiers now crippled for life? When discharged, as they will be, a pension will be paid, but this cannot in any way be an adequate substitute for compensation. A construction worker involved in the Channel tunnel sadly also lost both legs in July 1989 and received £370,000 in agreed damages. Should Guardsmen Hicks, Povey and Ray be treated so differently?

Yours etc.,
DAVID WINNICK,
House of Commons.
June 22.

Plight of mentally ill

From Dr Harry Jacobs

Sir, Will your June 18 report (later editions), "£45,000 damages for man who murdered his mother", coming after Prince Charles's public-spirited speech on the current plight of the mentally ill (report, May 30), produce any delay in the destruction of in-patient resources?

We have a recent case of a London coroner noting how frequently these often already tormented souls spend many hours of consideration before genuine acute 24-hour care can be summoned.

In that case a GP noted that the poor woman was suicidal; she was not admitted to hospital and jumped to her death that night. The man who murdered his mother had requested succour for his mental illness, again to no avail.

The damages recently awarded surely encourage compassion and accountability. Let us remember that any institution can be a splendid resource or a dismal, depressing morgue. Just because there are occasional poor schools does not warrant tearing them all down, willy-nilly.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY JACOBS

(Chairman,
Society of Clinical Psychiatrists),
The Coach House, Rochfords,
Wormingford,
Colchester, Essex.
June 19.

Running London

From Mr Anthony Prendergast

Sir, Margaret Hodge, of the Association of London Authorities (June 12), raises, yet again, the need for a democratically elected body to oversee the government of London. The new Leader of Westminster City Council pointed out the reasons why such a body was not needed (June 10).

There already exists an inter-borough body which in theory covers all shades of political opinion in the shape of the London Boroughs Association, which is open to all 32 boroughs and the City Corporation. Its functions, non-statutory, are to promote the interests of London generally, to consult and lobby the national government of the day on such issues as impact upon London's life and environment.

The Hodge proposal would create an expensive tier of bureaucratic administration at considerable cost to the London chargepayer. Far better that the present system should continue. Sadly, those that Margaret Hodge represents, the Labour-controlled boroughs, wish to present their policies separate and apart from the rest of London.

Would it not be better for all if the Association of London Authorities were to fold its tents and join with the London Boroughs Association in forming a unified body and a strong, firm voice for London?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY PRENDERGAST,
52 Warwick Square, SW1.

Junior doctors' hours

From Miss Mary Anderson

Sir, In all the recent publicity on reduction of junior hospital doctors' hours there has been a small but constant criticism of the royal colleges in dragging their feet over the matter. We should like to put the record straight.

In May this college carried out an exercise on staffing and presented to the Department of Health the numbers of additional doctors required in each hospital in England and Wales to fulfil immediately the demands imposd by the "Heads of Agreement" (the ministerial group studying junior doctors' hours). The cost of the exercise was estimated by us as £8 million. The department has always been receptive to our evidence and we await their response with interest.

Now we have completed a larger but similar review of staffing so that not only will junior doctors' hours be reduced to the required 72 hours but the consultant load of responsibility will also be appropriately adjusted to acceptable levels. The other royal colleges are engaged in similar exercises.

The colleges do not exist simply for the protection of their fellows and members and the organisation of their education. Their prime purpose, as stated in their charters, is the protection of the patients' interests and the maintainance of safe and adequate standards of care.

Yours,
MARY ANDERSON (Chairman,
Manpower Committee),
Royal College of Obstetricians and
Gynaecologists,
27 Sussex Place,
Regent's Park, NW1.
June 19.

Kuwait death sentences

From Mr H. B. Khokhar

Sir, Six Kuwaiti journalists were sentenced to death by a Kuwaiti martial-law court last week. The only crime they had committed was working for an Iraqi newspaper, *al-Nidaa*, during the occupation of Kuwait to earn their livelihood.

Journalists and others connected with the profession cannot survive without work, even in the case of occupation of their homeland. The six, who merely worked for the newspaper brought out by the occupation forces, did not commit any sin or agitate against the legitimate government of Kuwait.

Most of the lucky Kuwaitis who got out after the Iraqi occupation were financially supported by the exiled regime, whether in the Gulf countries or elsewhere. The death sentence on these six journalists negates all provisions of justice and we appeal to the Emir of Kuwait to let them free.

Yours etc.,
H. B. KHOKHAR (President,
Council of Third World Newspapers),
260 Park West, W2.
June 21.

Degree results

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, I am surprised that, in his survey on Oxbridge degree results (report, June 19), Dr McCrum seems not to have taken into consideration the relative subjects taken by men and women students.

There are far more men than women in the mathematics-based science subjects, in which, if all-correct answers are given, a first-class degree is inevitable, whereas in the arts subjects (which the majority of women take) it is much more difficult to get a first, dependent, as these are, on examiners' opinions rather than purely on figures.

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.

Glue-ear operations

From the Editor of
Which? Way to Health

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford and others (Medical Briefing, June 13) seem to have misunderstood our comments on glue ear in the June issue of *Which? way to Health* magazine. The following three points are worth making:

Doctors do not agree when an operation for glue ear is necessary: there is no standard set of criteria to which they can refer. As a result there is a wide variation in operating rates.

Many children do not benefit from surgery to correct glue ear. In fact, guarantees of benefit could only be given to parents of children who are almost completely deaf as a result of the condition.

Research needs to be done to establish not only which operations offer the greatest benefits in relation to cost (both financial and human), but also to establish what are our national priorities in healthcare.

It may well be, at the end of this, that we decide as a nation that children take priority, and that it is worth doing glue-ear operations at the current rate for the majority who will benefit. But surely research should be done first to try to determine some basic criteria for operating in the first place? Many children simply do not need surgery, and many respond to much less invasive treatment.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DICKINSON,
Editor,
Which? Way to Health,
Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.

From Mrs Pauline Ashley

Sir, The controversy over the value of the glue-ear operation exists because of the absence of reliable evidence.

The insertion of grommets to remedy glue ear is the most common childhood operation. Yet when the Hearing Research Trust held a seminar on the subject, it found that virtually all existing research studies were considered flawed.

Grommets undoubtedly give immediate relief of the deafness caused by glue ear, but the gluey mucus often returns. The most effective long-term treatment is as yet unknown, but the trust is encouraging research which it hopes will lead to more rational action.

Yours faithfully,
PAULINE ASHLEY (Chairman),
Hearing Research Trust,
330/332 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Short-changed

From Mr W. H. Stokoe

Sir, Mr Macfarlane's letter (June 19) highlights the practical problems of European travel. What we need is the etu — the European tipping unit.

It would provide a practical solution to the perennial problem faced by travellers: no more fumbling for the right currency coin. Porters would not lose valuable time before hunting down their next victim. Mobility of labour amongst tip receivers would be improved. Fruit machines, parking meters, vending machines and arcade games could standardise on the coin. Everyone would win.

Mr Macfarlane's children and other seasoned young travellers might even come to see it as the European tuck unit.

Yours faithfully,
BILL STOKOE,
Chantry Down, Echo Pit Road,
Guildford, Surrey.
June 19.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 25: His Excellency Major General K.M. Safiullah and Begum Safiullah wre received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Bangladesh in London.

His Excellency the Hon Raymond G. H. Seitz was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Ronald Woods (Minister), Mrs Ann Berry (Minister for Economic Affairs), Mr Charles Courtney (Minister for Public Affairs), Mr John Condayan (Minister Counsellor for Administrative Affairs), Mr James Rudbeck (Minister Counsellor of Agricultural Affairs), Mr Bruce Burton (Minister Counsellor for Political Affairs), Mr Bertram Dunn (Counsellor for Programme Coordination) and Captain Peter Baxter (Naval Attaché).

Mrs Seitz was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir Roger Tomkys (British High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya) was received in audience by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Lady Tomkys was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Andrew Palmer was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Holy See.

Mrs Palmer was also received by Her Majesty.

Mrs Arthur Neal was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Major-General Simon Cooper was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Major-General Commanding Household Division when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Right Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature, held a reception at Buckingham Palace and afterwards attended a dinner at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7.

Mr Brian McGrath, Brigadier Clive Robertson and Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN were in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Admiral Sir Julian Oswald (First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir Peter Stanford (formerly Flag Aide-de-Camp) which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire, this afternoon.

The Princess Royal, President, The Missions to Seamen, attended the Annual Service at St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4 and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Alexander Graham). Afterwards Her Royal Highness attended a Luncheon at Skinners' Hall followed by the Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Victim Support, subsequently attended a Meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, Westminster.

This evening The Princess Royal, Upper Warden, The Worshipful Company of Loriners, attended a Garden Party at Chelsea Physic Garden.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Patron, this evening visited the Royal Foundation of Saint Katharine, in Ratcliffe.

The Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 25: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Royal College of Psychiatrists, received Mr Lionel Joyce.

His Royal Highness was represented by Admiral Sir Jeremy Black at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir Peter Stanford which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 25: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this morning received Dr Herbert Ellis on relinquishing the appointment as Chief Commander of St John Ambulance and Mr Ian Moody on assuming the appointment as Commissioner-in-Chief of St John Ambulance Brigade.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 25: The Duke of Kent, Colonel in Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today visited the 2nd Battalion at Wretham Camp, Stanford Training Area, Norfolk.

His Royal Highness, President of the Royal United Services Institute, this evening attended a Reception to mark the 160th Anniversary of the Institute, Whitehall, London SW1 and later, as Colonel Scots Guards, attended the Third Guards' Club Dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Mill Water School, Honiton and this afternoon visited Tidcombe Hall Marie Curie Centre, Tiverton, Devon.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival on Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Devon (The Rt Hon the Earl of Morley).

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

The Earl of St Andrews celebrates his birthday today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception at HM Tower of London at 6.30 to mark the bicentenary of the Ordance Survey.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will visit Aberdovey at 11.30.

The Princess Royal will open the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board's dairy complex at Balmakeith Park, Nairn, at 9.30; will visit the Highland Wildlife Park, Kingussie, at 11.10; visit Highland Smoked Salmon, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Caol, at 2.35; visit Marine Harvest, Highland Industrial Estate, Caol, at 3.20; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop, 5 Cameron Square, Fort William, at 4.00.

Princess Margaret will visit RAF Leeming at noon.

The Duke of Kent will attend Wimbledon at 1.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend the annual meeting at Chelsea Town Hall at 2.10.

Meetings

British Academy of Forensic Sciences
Professor George Jenkins gave the presidential address at the annual meeting of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences held last night at the Royal London Hospital.

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
At the annual general meeting of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene held at Manson House on Thursday, June 20, the following officers were appointed:
President, Dr P.O. Williams, CBE, FRCP; Vice-Presidents, Dr G.C. Cook, FRCP, and Professor M. S. R. Hutt, FRCPath; Honorary Secretaries, Dr D.C. Barker and Dr S.G. Wright; Honorary Treasurer, Dr D.A. Evans.

The outgoing president, Professor G.S. Nelson, presented the Chalmers Medal to Professor Kamini Mendis from Sri Lanka and the Christophers' Medal to Dr R. Killick-Kendrick. The following were admitted to Honorary Fellowship of the Society: Dr J.H.S. Gear, Johannesburg; Professor A.R. Prata and Dr P.D. Marsden, Brasilia.

OBITUARIES

RUFINO TAMAYO

Rufino Tamayo, artist, died in Mexico City on June 24 aged 91. He was born in Oaxaca, Mexico on August 26, 1899.

RUFINO Tamayo was the youngest of a talented quartet of artists (along with Diego Rivera, Clemente Orozco and David Afaro Siquieros) who created a "Mexican Renaissance" in the first half of the 20th century following the 1910 revolution. However, Tamayo's poetic vision led him away from the epic and the mural towards what was more of a second generation art form — more profoundly Mexican in its content, yet more cosmopolitan in its language; blending the archetypal, the geometric, the humorous and the spirit-haunted. And Tamayo was one of the world's greatest colourists; especially when seen in a warm, sunny light such as that of Mexico or California his paintings glow with close harmonies of colour and new chords of contrast, in a way to be compared with the famous abstract colourist Mark Rothko.

Rufino Tamayo was the son of Zapotec Indians. When his parents died in his childhood, he moved to Mexico City to live with an aunt and help her with her fruit market. At the age of 17 Tamayo began to attend commercial school to learn business management, but studied drawing in the evenings and in 1917 enrolled at the Academy of San Carlos. He stuck it for four years, but, disappointed with the conservative, European-derived attitude there, left in 1921 to paint alone. However, in that same year he was offered the post of head of the department of ethnographic drawing at the National Museum of Archaeology in Mexico City. This and subsequent teaching at a primary school in Mexico City and in the open-air rural schools in the new educational programme brought Tamayo into contact with the indigenous folk art traditions of the Mexican Indians.

Tamayo's first one-man shows were held in 1926 in two highly contrasted venues: a shop in Mexico City and the Weyhe Gallery in New York. His early work included a few in the historical-narrative and socialist-realist vein of the famous muralists, and he painted murals for several national buildings in Mexico City. But his early style with its forceful use of black quickly changed to a more colourful art of earth colours, blues, reds and yellows; and by 1928 his figures were distinctively Mexican. Then followed a period mainly of still lifes which became increasingly abstract.

During the early 1930s Tamayo spent much of his time with Diego Rivera and Rivera's wife Frida Khalo at the home of Leon Trotsky, the exiled Bolshevik, although, unlike Rivera's work, Tamayo's was not overtly political. He moved to New York in 1936 and lived there intermittently for nearly 20 years, teaching at the Dalton School and at the Brooklyn Museum Art School. He painted murals in Northampton, Massachusetts, for the Hillyer Art Library at Smith College; at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts; and in Houston, Texas, for the Bank of the Southwest. In Mexico, he had only three exhibitions prior to 1947, but in 1948 a retrospective at the Palacio de Bellas Artes brought him fame in his own country.

A one-man show of 16 paintings at the Venice Biennale in 1950 brought recognition and acclaim in Europe; a prize at the 1953 Sao Paulo Bienal brought wider fame in South America; and a prize at the 1955 Carnegie International at Pittsburgh did the same in North America. Tamayo's first show in London was given him by the perceptive Victor Musgrave at his Gallery One in 1961 and Tamayo designed the set and costumes for John Cranko's ballet *Antigone*.

Tamayo's somewhat abstracted still life paintings were succeeded by more figurative work in the 1940s and 1950s, imbued with pessimistic feelings about humanity. But this was followed in turn by a more celebratory indulgence in colour, suffused yet glowing, and unique, particularly in Tamayo's famous "water-melon magenta". But the imagery was given edge by that mysterious, haunted, savage presence to be found in other South American artists such as Matta and Lam, with its intriguing relationship to the Spanish-African elements in Picasso's cubist and surrealist work. And Tamayo's humour and interest in folk art enabled him to predate Pop Art in his *Animals* of 1941, now in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

Tamayo spent most of the 1950s in Paris before returning to Mexico. His most recent large work was a 26x23 foot stained-glass window called *The Universe* which is installed in Mexico's Modern Art Museum. The BBC featured him in a film in 1966; but it was not until 1979 that he had his second London show, at Marlborough Fine Art. He is represented in modern art museums around the world, though not in the Tate Gallery. The Royal Academy made him an honorary academician in 1985, one of only a handful of foreigners to be thus recognised.

In 1974 Tamayo donated a large collection of pre-Hispanic art to the city of Oaxaca, inaugurating a Tamayo Museum there. And in 1981 he gave to the people of Mexico his major collection of modern paintings, drawings and tapestries by 168 international artists, as well as a superb collection of his own paintings, which are exhibited in Chapultepec Park, Mexico City.

Rufino Tamayo is survived by his wife, the pianist Olga Flores Rivas.

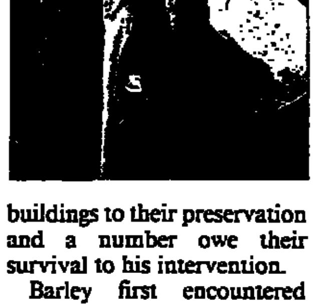
PROFESSOR MAURICE BARLEY

Maurice Willmore Barley, emeritus professor of archaeology at the University of Nottingham, died on June 23 aged 81. He was born on August 19, 1909.

MAURICE Barley was a buildings historian and archaeologist whose writings did much to establish the smaller English house as a fruitful field for academic study and who played a critical role in the development of urban archaeology and conservation at a time, in the 1960s and 1970s, when historic town centres were increasingly under threat.

A Lincoln man, Barley was educated at Lincoln School and at the University of Reading where Sir Frank Stenton was a formative influence. A career in adult education at University College, Hull, and later at the University of Nottingham reflected his conviction of the importance of worker education. Local lecturing brought him to local historical studies, a theme of most of his subsequent academic work. It gave him deep insights into the topography, documentary history, archaeology and folk life of East Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. A spate of papers on subjects ranging from parish records to plough plays culminated in *Lincolnshire and the Fens* (1952), while his study of the smaller rural buildings of the area widened to produce *The English Farmhouse and Cottage* (1961 and still in print). In this Barley attempted to instate ordinary houses as a worthwhile source of evidence for the generalities of social and economic history.

Vernacular building studies subsequently burgeoned and he himself contributed numerous perceptive analyses of individual structures. His general surveys include *Houses and History* (1978) and contributions, volumes 4 and 5 of *The Agrarian History of England and Wales* (Cambridge 1967). His interest extended beyond the study of buildings to their preservation and a number owe their survival to his intervention.



Barley first encountered field archaeology at Philip Corder's pre-war excavations at Brough on Humber and the collaboration continued at the Roman Fort and town of Great Casterton, Lincolnshire. This was a training excavation, an effective means of producing a cadre of skilled amateurs; he continued his own excavations in the 1960s at the medieval borough of Torksey, Lincolnshire. His duties as an extra-mural lecturer led naturally, too, to his secretaryship of the vigorous Council for British Archaeology's Group 14. He also served a decade as honorary secretary of the council as a whole and was its president from 1964 to 1967.

This was a time of growing concern for the future of historic towns and Barley led the CBA's drive to identify the towns concerned and to stage conferences and seminars which raised consciousness of the threat posed by development to standing ancient buildings and buried archaeology. *The Erosion of History*, a survey of this problem, was produced by the CBA urban research committee under his chairmanship. Another outcome was the foundation of the York Archaeological Trust of which he was chairman from 1972 to 1990. Here, as on so many other bodies, he combined courage with consummate chairmanship, for example leading his academic colleagues into the unfamiliar territory of commerce to produce the Jorvik Viking Centre. The Trust's latest project, a living history centre to be set in medieval buildings under restoration in central York, has been named Barley Hall in his honour.

A member of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments and a vice-president of the Society of Antiquaries, Barley was much in demand on local and national archaeological bodies. He balanced these commitments against the heavy demands of developing the new Department of Archaeology at Nottingham and, after retirement, against a formidable output of publications. A countryman to the end, Barley, and his wife Diana, collected old varieties of roses and apples in their Nottingham garden and kept open house for a constant stream of colleagues, former students and friends.

His wife, their daughter and two sons survive him.

PROFESSOR RAMAN SELDEN

Professor Raman Selden, literary theorist, died on May 26 aged 53. He was born in London on December 31, 1937.

RAY Selden was internationally known as a scholar of the 17th century and, in more recent years, also as an influential literary theorist. He taught successively at Portsmouth Polytechnic, the universities of Durham (where he remained for 13 years), Cornell and Lancaster, and Sunderland Polytechnic which he joined at the beginning of 1990.

With degrees in both classics and English he was eminently qualified to pursue the study of 17th and 18th century poetry which he did in articles, full-length studies of verse satire and (in collaboration with Harold Brookes) the definitive Clarendon edition of the poetical works of John Oldham.

This immersion in the satiric verse of past centuries, much of which arose from active engagement with the political and ethical issues of the day, was also part of his study of critical issues. This is best seen in *The Theory of Criticism from Plato to the Present* (Longman, 1988) and volume 8 of *The Cambridge History of Literary Criticism* (forthcoming) of which he was general editor. Whilst at Durham he was founder and first director for the Centre for 17th Century Studies.

His other — although related — speciality was in 20th century literary theory. He was both in the forefront of the development of the subject and constantly interested in its pedagogy. His *Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literary Theory* (Harvester, 1985) has been frequently reprinted and translated into Spanish and Japanese. It was followed by *Practising Theory and Reading Literature* (Harvester, 1989) and, with Professor S. Smith (Dundee), he was general editor of a new Longman series, *The Critical Reader*. Whilst his *Reader's Guide* is best known to undergraduates, he himself believed that his *Criticism and Objectivity* (1984) contained some of his best critical thinking. At both Lancaster and Sunderland he set up staple courses in the theory and practice of criticism and was a prime contributor to planned postgraduate degrees in cultural studies.

Seldon's intellectual distinction, coupled with his openness and approachability made him a highly valued colleague. Conversations could pass from a consideration of satire, through psychoanalysis and jazz to contemporary philosophy, taking in politics, religion and Stravinsky's neo-classicism on the way. And always, as befitted a trained classicist, there would be concern for the place of the arts in the total life of the individual and the community. These wider interests were shared by his wife Jane, to whom he was devoted.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a step-son and step-daughter.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Morland, painter, London, 1763; William Thomson, Baron Kelvin, physicist and inventor, Belfast, 1824; Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada 1911-20, Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, 1854.

DEATHS: Francisco Pizarro, conqueror of the Inca empire, murdered, Lima, Peru, 1541; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selbourne, Hampshire, 1795; Joseph Montgolfier, pioneer of ballooning, Balaruc-les-Bains, 1810; Samuel Crompton, inventor of the spinning mule, Firwood, Lancashire, 1827; George IV, reigned 1820-30, London, 1830; Ford Madox Ford, writer, Deauville, 1939; Robert Bedford Bennett, Viscount Bennett, prime minister of Canada 1930-35, Mickleham, Surrey, 1947.

The first investiture of the Victoria Cross (62 awards) in Hyde Park, London, by Queen Victoria, 1857.

Memorial services

Admiral Sir Peter Stanford
The Queen was represented by Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir Peter Stanford held yesterday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire. The Prince of Wales was represented by Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command.

The Rev Victor Searle-Barnes officiated and Commodore Christopher Hebron, RN, led the prayers. Mr Guy Stanford, son, read from the works of John Donne and verses from Revelations and Lieutenant-Colonel William Stanford, brother, read from Psalm 139. Captain Robert McCrum gave an address. The Order of the Bath was represented by Admiral Sir John Bush.

Sir John Martin
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Martin was held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev John McIndoe officiated.

The Rev W. Alexander Cairns and Mr David Martin, son, read the lessons. The Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Martin (widow), Miss Katherine Ross (sister-in-law), Mr Alexander Harrison, Mr Michael Harrison, Miss Laura Harrison, Mrs Rosemary Mecklenburgh, Mrs Olga Mecklenburgh, Miss Lucy Jackson, Mr Thomas Sinclair, Dr Simon Sinclair, Mr and Mrs Andrew Gulland, Mrs John Gulland, Dr Frances Gulland.

Jo Countess of Onslow, Viscountess Craigavon, Lord Murray of Newhaven, Lady Soames, Lady Drumalbyn, Lady Margaret Colville, the Dowager Lady Wakefield, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Alexander and Lady Johnston, Sir Maurice and Lady Dorman, Lady Abell, Sir John Moreton, Lady Paskin, Sir Hilton and Lady Poynton, Sir Ronald Melville, Lady Rowan.

Dr Michael Brock (representing the President and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Oxford), Professor Kenneth Kirkwood (St Antony's College, Oxford), Mr M G Murray (Edinburgh Academical Club), Mrs John Yardley (Women's Corona Society), Mr Donald Wright, Mr T L Crosthwait, Mr and Mrs David Thomas, Mr Martin Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Achilles Papadopoulos, Mr John Grist, Mr and Mrs J Kisch, Mr Charles Carstairs, Mr Tim Abell, Mr Basil Eastwood, Mrs Philip Astley, Mr and Mrs Ambler Thomas, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Mr and Mrs Alan Brown and Mr William A C Mathieson.

Birthdays

Mr Claudio Abbado, conductor, 58; Sir Campbell Adamson, chairman, Abbey National, 69; the Hon Betty Askwith, authoress, 82; Sir Alan Bailey, civil servant, 60; Mr L.A. Carpenter, former chairman, Reed International, 64; Sir Ashley Clarke, president, Venice in Peril Fund, 88; Mr Justice Eastham, 71; Dr Alexander Fenton, former research director, National Museums of Scotland, 62; Mr Willie Hamilton, former MP, 74; Rear-Admiral Sir David Haslam, 68; Lady Holland-Martin, former chairman, NSPCC, 77; Professor Ruth Kempson, linguist, 47.

Vice-Admiral Sir John Lancaster, 88; Sir Jack Longland, former director of education, Derbyshire, 86; Mr Robert Maclennan, MP, 55; Sir Peter Miles, former Keeper of the Privy Purse, 67; Professor Sir Alan Peacock, economist, 69; Mr Ian Prestt, ornithologist, 62; Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, 72; Brigadier Sir Charles Spry, 81; Professor Maurice Wilkes, computer scientist, 78; Mr Colin Wilson, author, 60.

Requiem Mass

Mrs Jean-Paul van Bellinghen
Requiem Mass for Mrs Jean-Paul van Bellinghen was celebrated yesterday at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, by Canon Michael Richards, assisted by Father Joseph van Pelt and Father Jacques Seynaeve.

Lady Villiers and Mr Ghislain D'hoop, First Secretary, Belgian Embassy, read the lessons. Sir Edward Jackson, also representing the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service, gave an address. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Donald Logan. Among others present were:

Mr van Bellinghen (husband), Miss Christine van Bellinghen (daughter), the Belgian Ambassador and Mrs Dehennin and other members of the embassy; the Luxembourg Ambassador and Mme Mollior, the Italian Ambassador and Signora Biancheri, the German Ambassador and Baroness von Richthofen, the Austrian Ambassador and Frau Magrutsch, Mrs Ronald E Woods (representing the American Ambassador).

Lady John Wellesley, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, Cathryn Countess Cawdor, Viscount Hood (president, Anglo-Belgian Society) and Viscountess Hood with Mr and Mrs Jack Woodhead and other members of the society; Viscount and Viscountess Davidson, Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, Jacqueline Viscountess Weir, Lady Lever of Manchester, Lady Rodney, Elizabeth Lady Maclean, Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Keyes, Lady Clinton-Davis, Lady Bruce-Gardyne, Lady Marlesford, Lady Thorneycroft, Lady Northbourne, Lady Gore-Booth, Lord Briggs, Lady Hunt of Tanworth.

Sir Michael and Lady Palliser, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Julia Stonor, the Hon Paul Zuckerman, Sir Peter Petrie (Bank of England), Sir Michael and Lady Butler, Lady de Trafford, Lady Logan, Sir Archibald Ross and Lady Ross (also representing International Social Service of the UK), Sir Charles Villiers, Sir George and Lady Blunden.

Lady (David) Kelly, Lady Bellinger, Lady Bowker, Sir David Hildyard, Lady Emery, Sir Ronald and Lady Grierson, Sir William and Lady Harding, Lady (Arthur) Palliser, Lady Otton, Lady Tugendhat, Sir Peter and Lady Wakefield, Lady Bayliss, Lady Dawbarn, Lady (Nicholas) Hunt, Lady Richards, Mr Brinsley and Lady Moorea Black, Mr Vane Ivanovic, Baron and Baroness Vaes, Baron and Baroness Robert Rothschild, Baron and Baroness de Gerlache, Ambassador and Mrs Reginald Thomas, Baroness du Rosée.

Miss Frances Jenkinson, Mrs Harold Sebag-Montefiore, Major-General and Mrs A P W MacLellan, Mr Norman Bonham Carter, Mr and Mrs George Doughty, Mr Murray Lawrence, Mrs Pierre Claus-de Boer, Mrs Morton Neal, Mr Kenneth Rose, Mr Laurence Kelly, Mr and Mrs John Snodgrass, Mrs J A Benard.

Mrs W F van Eekelen (representing the secretary-general, Western European Union) with Herr Horst Holthoff (deputy secretary-general) and Mr D J Williams; M F B de Deckker (British Memorial Committee for Leopold III), Mr John Cotton (Banque Belge) and Mrs Cotton, Mr Peter Orchard (De La Rue Company) and Mr Thierry Vernaeghe (Consulta).

Forthcoming marriages

Flying Officer S.J. Danton
and Miss M.M. Copping
The engagement is announced between Simon James, son of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs B.E. Danton, of Newport, Shropshire, and Madeleine Marguerite, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Copping, of Dry Drayton, Cambridge.

Commander A.M.D. de Labillière, RN
and Miss S.J.K. Nicholas
The engagement is announced between Michael (Fred), younger son of the late Surgeon Lieutenant Commander and Mrs de Labillière, and Sarah, daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R.C. Nicholas.

Mr S.N. Lough
and Miss S.Z. Alawdeen
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of the late Mr O.W. Lough and of Mrs M.E.G. Lough, of Iden, Rye, and Zahira, youngest daughter of the late Mr H.M. Alawdeen and of Mrs S.R. Alawdeen, of Tokyo, Japan. The wedding will take place in England next year.

Mr T.R.H. Love
and Miss A.C.M. Mumford
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs S. Love, of Southdown Farm, Brixham, Devon, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. Mumford, of Hong Kong.

Mr J.P.B. Lowis
and Miss C. Wade
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late Captain P.R. Lowis, and of Mrs M.P.E. Lowis, of Shalbourne, Wiltshire, and Cheryl, daughter of Mrs R. Wade Bramble, of Monserrat, and Mr B. Clarke, of Nevis, West Indies.

Mr R.G. McCreery
and Miss R. Curry
The engagement is announced between Richard Grant, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert McCreery, of Stowell Hill, Templecombe, Somerset, and Robin, only daughter of Mrs Reader Easton, of Louisville, Kentucky. The marriage will take place shortly in the USA.

Mr P.J. Marsh
and Miss J.G. Wickham
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs G.B. Marsh, of Willaston, Wirral, Cheshire, and Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.H. Wickham, of Lower Kinnerton, Cheshire.

Mr S. Parr
and Miss H.L. Parrett
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of the late Mr Chris Parr and of Mrs Beverly Parr, of Yateley, Surrey, and Helenne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Turrloo Parrett, of Knockholt, Kent.

Mr C.T. Ulmann
and Miss L.O. Miller
The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Ulmann, of The Clock House, Great Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford, and Leonie, daughter of Mrs C. Miller and the late Mr N. Miller, of Barnes, London.

Luncheons

European-Atlantic Group
The Committee and Council of the European-Atlantic Group gave a luncheon yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel in honour of Sir Frank Roberts. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, chairman, presided and the Earl of Bessborough, president, also spoke.

Consumer Credit Trade Association
The Centenary Luncheon of the Consumer Credit Trade Association was held at the Saddlers' Hall, City of London, on Tueday, June 25, 1991, the association's 100th birthday. One hundred guests attended and the guest speaker was the Right Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England. Among the other guests were Lord Marlesford, Lady Wilcox (NCC), Sir Gordon Borrie (OFT) and Mr Eric Howe (Data Protection Registrar).

Marriage

Mr M.L.J. Beck
and Miss N.J.G. Connolly
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 22, at the Church of All Saints, Wardour Castle, of Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Beck, of Dinton, Wiltshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Connolly, of Monkton Deverill, Wiltshire. The service was conducted by Father Tranmar.

The bride was attended by Miss Claudia Connolly, Georgie Connolly and Charles Peel. Mr Michael Hutchinson was best man.

A reception was held at Jesses, Dinton.

Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn

The life barony conferred on Professor Colin Renfrew has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Renfrew of Kaimsthorn**, of Hurlet in the District of Renfrew.

Service dinner

RN College, Greenwich
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of Henry VIII. Commander M.P. Sauvage, commander of the college, presided. Among the other guests were:

Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, Vice-Admiral N Purvis, Mr A J P MacDonald, the Ven M H G Henley, Mr K J Pritchard, Mr R Ormond, Mr J M Moss and Mr J R Vimpany.

Christening

The infant daughter of Lord and Lady Palumbo was christened Lana Rose on Tuesday, June 25, at the Church of St Stephen Walbrook by Prebendary Dr Chad Varah. The godparents are Lady Cochrane, Mr Jim Dine, Mrs Francois Rochas, Sir Richard Rogers, Lord St John of Fawsley and Mrs Leslie Waddington.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening. The guests included:

The Bulgarian Ambassador and Mrs Stancioff, Mr Michael Williams and Dame Judi Dench, Councillor Dr David Avery, Mrs Edna Astley, Major-General and Mrs Shahid Hamid, Miss Vanessa Hill, Mr Alderman and Mrs Brian Jenkins, Mr Ian Mason and Mr and Mrs Dick Strover.

Touche Ross
Touche Ross Management Consultants gave a dinner for senior women civil servants at the St James' Court Hotel, London, SW1, last night. Ms Anna Capaldi, partner, and Ms Pamela Whitford-Jackson, associate, were the hosts and the guest speaker was Mrs Edwina Currie, MP. Among those present were:

Ms Pam Alexander, Ms Sally Booth, the Hon Alison Brimelow, Ms Philippa Drew, Mrs Angela Heath, Mrs Mavis McDonald, Ms Jennie Page, Mrs Dianne Phillips, Mrs Lisette Simcock and Mrs Jenny Williams.

Receptions

Oxford University and Templeton College
The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, the President of Templeton College and Sir John Templeton were hosts at a reception held yesterday evening at the College of Arms to brief business leaders on the University's new School of Management Studies.

The Earl of Buckinghamshire
The Earl of Buckinghamshire was host at a reception held in the House of Lords yesterday evening by the London branch of the Old Cliftonian Society. Mr A.R. Thornhill, QC, presided. Those attending included Lord Henley, Lord Jenkin, Mr Hugh Monro (headmaster) and Mrs Monro and Mr Roger Trafford (vice-chairman IAPS and headmaster of the Preparatory) and Mrs Trafford.

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People will come from the east and west, from the north and south, and sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God. Then those who are now last will be first, and those who are now first will be last. St Luke 13:29,30 GNB

BIRTHS

BISHOP - On June 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth and Julian, a son, Charles Maximilian, a brother for Alexander.

CALVERT - On June 19th, to Beverley (née Fenton) and Howard, a son, Jake Ross.

DILLON-ROBINSON - On June 24th, to Daphne (née Wynter-Bee) and Paul, a daughter, Rebecca Mary.

GOODDY - On June 19th, to Elizabeth (née Cole) and Rupert, a son, Francis.

GORDON - On June 22nd, in Aberdeenshire, to Lucy, wife of Andrew Gordon, a daughter, Rachel Mary Ishbel.

GORMLEY - On June 23rd, to Mary Clare (née Wilson) and Michael, a son Luke Benedict Milo, brother to Camilla, Jack and Theodora.

HIDDEN - On June 24th, to Mary (née Pritchard) and Tony, a son, Edward Michael Ralph, a brother for James, Lucy and Tom.

HOOD - On June 19th, at The Portland Hospital, a second son, Samuel Francis Wheeler to John and Melissa.

KRELLIN-WHITE - On June 24th, at The Portland Hospital, to Richard and Ruth, a daughter, Viola Octavia, a sister for Olivia. Grateful thanks to all staff at The Portland.

LAKHANI - On June 23rd, to Amyn and Janet, a son, Adam, at Portland Hospital, London.

LEARMONTH - On June 28th, to Sarah (née De Santos) and Rob, a son, Peter James, a brother for Stephanie Ruth.

McVEIGH - On June 21st 1991, to Elizabeth and Ian, a daughter Charlotte Elizabeth.

MILLS - On June 20th, to Sebastian and Rebecca, a son, Arthur Thomas Walter, brother for Hattie and Freya.

REID - On June 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Lucinda and Malcolm, a son, Charles, a brother for Emily.

STEVENSON-HAMILTON - On June 22nd, to Jo (née Pidden) and Hamish, a son, James Peter.

SUTTON - On June 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Miranda (née Goldsmid) and Hugh, twin daughters Olivia and Rebecca, sisters for Emma.

WARBY - On June 24th, to Jane (née Lavers) and Adam, a daughter, Lucy Clare Elizabeth, a sister for Emma.

WATSON - On June 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Stockman) and Paul, a beautiful son.

WILKINSON - On June 6th 1991, to Shelagh (née Birch) and Iain, a son, James William.

WILLIAMS - On June 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Janet (née Allchin) and Simon, a son, Christopher Lloyd, a brother for Tamsin and Alexander.

ADOPTIONS

MILSTED - On June 21st 1991, to Jill and Bob, a daughter, Hannah Louise, one year old, a beautiful sister for their wonderful son Mark.

DEATHS

BROOKS - On June 21st 1991 at home after an illness faced with fortitude and humour, Colonel William Edward Brooks MC, late the Royal Ulster Rifles. Much loved and loving husband of Elizabeth, father of Susan, Jeremy and Anna, father-in-law of Sally and Chris and grandfather of Georgia and Imogen. Funeral at St Thomas's R.C. Church, Mayfield, East Sussex, on Tuesday July 2nd at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be notified later. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for Hospice At Home and all enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 655000.

CHAPMAN - On June 22nd, Eric Ralph, at Kingston Hospital, aged 71. Beloved husband of Mary, and father to Nicholas and Joanna. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, East Molesey, on Friday June 28th at 10 am. Donations, if desired, to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey.

CLOWES - On Sunday June 23rd, in Collingtree Park Nursing Home, Northampton, Brigadier (Boy) Frank Worts, Royal Norfolk Regiment retired, of Drayton, Norwich, Norfolk, three days short of his ninetieth birthday. Much loved husband of the late Pam, adored father of Jenny and Pippa and stepfather of Susie and Gay and wonderful grandfather. Funeral Service to be held at St Margaret's Church, Drayton, Norwich, on Tuesday July 2nd at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. All enquiries please to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, tel: (0603) 760787.

COOPER - On June 24th, at Midhurst, aged 74, Gwyneth (Giggy), third daughter of the late Canon James Lewis of Llandaff; Gold Medallist: Central School of Speech and Drama; WRAF/RAF Admin. SHAEF. Mentioned in Despatches; widow of Giles Cooper OBE, mother of Guy and Richard and grandmother to Giles, George and Sophie. Funeral at 3.30 pm, Tuesday July 2nd at All Hallows, Tillington, followed by burial at St James's, Heyshott. Flowers to W. Bryder & Sons, tel: (0798) 42174.

COTTRILL - On June 22nd, Eleanor, formerly of Winchester, aged 88, at Bishops Castle, Shropshire. Cremation Shrewsbury on Monday July 1st. Donations Stone House Hospital, Bishops Castle.

COWIE - On June 24th 1991, peacefully in Kingston Hospital having been taken ill whilst playing golf, Andrew, much loved father to David and Peter and grandpa to Andrew, Simon, Susie, Heather and Tamsin, in his 88th year. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Merton Park, SW19, on Monday July 1st 1991 at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to League of Friends, Kingston Hospital. All enquiries and donations to F.W. Paine, 26 Crown Lane, Morden, Surrey, tel: (081) 542-1214.

CROMBIE - On June 23rd, peacefully at home, Elsie Crombie widow of Theodore Crombie. Funeral Service Tuesday July 2nd 2.30 pm at Mortlake Crematorium.

DINES - On June 21st, in his 70th year, George, peacefully near his home in Italy - sailor, economist and painter and a good friend to many all over the world.

DOUGLAS-HUGHES - On June 23rd 1991, Douglas Arthur, O.B.E., Cav.UFF., J.P., at home after a mercifully short illness borne with characteristic courage. Beloved husband of Beryl, proud father of Roger and Jonathan and grandfather of Sarah, Charlotte, Claire, Juliet, James and Charles. No flowers but donations welcome to The Children's Haven Appeal, Milton, Cambridge, CV4 6AB. Funeral strictly private - Memorial service to be announced later.

EYLES - On June 22nd, aged 81, George Henry, M.B.E. Beloved husband of Louise, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral to be held at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hounslow Road, Hanworth, 11 am July 1st.

FAULKNER - On June 24th, peacefully at her home in Aldwincle, Kettering, Northamptonshire, Muriel Helen aged 88. Widow for 47 years of Eric, late Headmaster of Falconbury School, Bexhill. Much loved and loving mother of Nigel, Janet and Pam and of her eleven grandchildren. Funeral 2.45 pm Friday June 28th at Kettering Crematorium, Rothwell Road. Family flowers. Donations to Local Blind Association; c/o Mrs E. Chew, 46 Glapthorne Road, Oundle, Peterborough.

FAWCETT - On June 24th, Professor Sir James Edmund Sandford Fawcett D.S.C., Q.C. Requiem Mass at St Aloysious Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford, on Monday July 1st at 11.30 am. Memorial Service to be announced. Enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Service, Oxford (0865-748855).

FISHER - On June 22nd, peacefully in hospital after a short illness bravely borne, William Thoby, much loved husband of Joanna and father of Olivia. Funeral Service at 2 o'clock on Friday June 28th at All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, followed by private cremation. Flowers to R. Davies and Sons, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol. Donations if desired to Ward 62, Bristol Oncology Centre.

GILL - On June 22nd Catherine Mary (Kitty), late of Woodchurch, beloved wife of the late Francis and much loved stepmother of Jean. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, 122 Ladbroke Road, Redhill, on Monday July 1st at 11.00 hours. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Tandridge Multiple Sclerosis Society (East Surrey), 43 Blue House Lane, Oxted, Sy. RH8 0AJ.

HALDANE - On June 22nd 1991, at Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Dr. Roberta Mary Campbell (née MacLean), widow of William Paul Haldane, Civil Engineer, Edinburgh. Funeral Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday June 27th at 3 pm, to which all friends are invited. Flowers to William Purves Ltd., 4 Roseneath Street, Edinburgh.

HAY - On June 23rd 1991, peacefully at Dipford, nr. Totnes, Howard Soltau Fitzgerald (formerly of Filleigh Yeo Farm, Penpol), beloved husband of Mary Joyce and family. Funeral Service at Botus Fleming Parish Church, Cornwall, on Friday June 28th at 12 noon, followed by interment. Donations made payable to Broomborough Hospital or floral tributes may be sent to Pengelly Funeral Service, 5 Victoria Lane, Saltash, Cornwall.

LOCH - On June 24th, peacefully at home, Spencer Douglas, 4th Baron Loch of Drylaw M.C., beloved husband of Rachel and Bina. Service of Thanksgiving at Eddington Priory Church, 2.30 pm Thursday July 4th. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marrow Environment Fund, 42 Lower Road, Bratton, BA13 4RQ.

MACHON - On June 23rd, at Ysbytty Gwynedd, Bangor, Frederick John, aged 70, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Kath. Dear father of Maudanne, Kathleen and Sarah. Grandfather and great-grandfather. Enquiries to Theo Parry 0248-853451.

MARSTON - On June 22nd 1991 in Portugal, Charles. Dearest husband of Ann, much loved father of David, Debbie and Sam and grandfather of Katie.

MAYFIELD - On June 23rd, suddenly, David Malet Mayfield T.D., M.B.E., beloved husband of Diana and father of Andrew and the late James. Funeral at Hull Crematorium on Monday July 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

MITCHELL - On June 21st 1991, at Sidmouth, Alexander Mitchell, O.B.E., aged 89 years. Greatly loved husband of Helen. Cremation at Exeter on Monday July 1st at 2.45 pm. Flowers to Potbury's Chapel of Rest, Sidmouth please.

MORAN - On June 23rd 1991 suddenly in Hampshire, whilst riding a motorbike, of which he was passionately fond, William (Bill), aged 54, beloved husband of Audrey, dear father of Mark, Rachel, and Sarah. Requiem Mass at St James, Petts Wood, Kent, at 1 pm, Wednesday July 3rd. Cremation at Eltham Crematorium, 2.15 pm. Flowers to 25 Wood Ride, Petts Wood, before 12.30 pm. Requiescat-in-Pace.

OCHS - On Monday June 24th 1991, peacefully at her home in Foxton after a short illness, Maud Lilian, in her 89th year. Cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium on Tuesday July 2nd at 3 pm. Friends welcome, no flowers but donations for Save the Children Fund to R. Skeates Funeral Directors, 45 Moorfield Road, Duxford, tel: (0223) 833465.

O'NEILL - On June 24th 1991, at the London Hospital, Aiden aged 41 years, after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Dearest husband of Ann and father of Claire and Lucy, loved and missed by all his family. Funeral Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Monday July 1st at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the London Hospital Leukaemia Research Fund. Enquiries to C.R.S. Funeral Services, (0277) 212825.

PINK - On June 23rd 1991, peacefully, Nancy Blue (née McAra), aged 66, of Oxshott, Surrey, wife of the late Douglas John Montague Pink and mother of Fiona and Thomas. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott, on Friday June 28th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey.

SIMPSON - On June 20th, peacefully at home in Henfield, Dr. James William, aged 88. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Cremation took place on June 25th, privately, according to his wishes.

SIMS WILLIAMS - On June 22nd, Elsie Noel, born on Christmas Day 1897, beloved sister, cousin, aunt and great-aunt and devoted friend to many. Service at Windlesham Church on Monday July 1st at 12 noon. At her request no mourning or bought flowers.

TREVOR - On June 22nd, suddenly but peacefully at home, Anthony Philip, aged 75, dearly loved husband of Peg. Private family funeral. All enquiries to Hanningtons (F.D.) Ltd., tel: Brighton (0273) 778733.

VALLIER - On June 8th 1991, international virtuoso pianist, composer & musicologist, peacefully at home amongst loved ones after a long illness, borne with great courage and dignity. John Lionel Verne. Private funeral 28th June. No flowers, but donations to: The John Vallier Trust, PO Box 96, London, SW1E 6AY.

VIVIAN - On June 24th, peacefully in hospital, Anthony Crespigny Claud, Lord Vivian. Funeral Service on Monday July 1st at St Luke's, Redcliffe Square, SW10 at 11.30 am. Interment in Cornwall later (family only). Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Rd., W8, tel: (071) 937-0757.

WITHYCOMBE - On June 24th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Catherine Mary, of Sutton, North Yorkshire, very much loved by her family. Funeral at St Felix Church, Felixkirk, Thirsk, on Friday June 28th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Injured Jockey's Fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

JEFFREY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Oonagh will be held at All Saints Church, Grayswood, near Haslemere, on Friday July 5th at 3 pm. Donations in her memory for St Christopher's Hospice may be sent to Thorne-Leggett, 1 Brenthurst, Petersfield Road, Bordon, GU35 9AR.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SMALE - John (Jack) Douglas Smale who died suddenly at his home in Shoreham-by-Sea on the 3rd of May 1991. Formerly of A.S. Cooper & Sons (London) Ltd. 1985 - 1987. The family would like to thank all friends and associates for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes received following their very sad loss.

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IN THE MATTER OF FROGNAL (PROPERTIES) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991
DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
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P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace,
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IN THE MATTER OF STANDARD SECURITIES (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991.
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IN THE MATTER OF BOPECK LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Keith David Goodman, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, and Iain John Allan, FCA, Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP, both Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company by the members and creditors on 7th June 1991
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Keith David Goodman, FCA.
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
DATED this 17th day of June 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T.P.C. SOWERBY
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF BOPECK LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 19th day of July 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned IAIN JOHN ALLAN, CA, Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 7th day of June 1991
I J ALLAN
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF STANDARD SECURITIES (PROPERTIES) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991.
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IN THE MATTER OF DAILCOURT PROPERTIES LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991
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IN THE MATTER OF NUMBER 3 COPTHALL BUILDINGS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991.
DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
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IN THE MATTER OF SIX ARLINGTON STREET INVESTMENTS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991.
DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
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IN THE MATTER OF P.I.P. SECURITIES LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th June 1991.
DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 1991
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IN THE MATTER OF VISAGE TYPESETTING LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London, W1R 9FB was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 17th June 1991.
DATED THIS 17TH JUNE 1991
Peter S Dunn, FCA
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45 Conduit Street,
London W1R 9FB.

MMEC DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED MMEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Creditors of the above companies will be held at the Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 5 July 1991 at 10.30 am and 12.30 pm respectively for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Information concerning the companies or its affairs will be available free of charge from the offices of Ian D Williams, a licensed insolvency practitioner, of Benedict McQueen, 62 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU, 071-782 0007 during the period up to the meetings of creditors.
DATED THIS 18 DAY OF JUNE 1991
Simon J Southall
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 005213 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CARLISLE GROUP PLC
- AND -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 7th May 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company from £6,169,348 to £398,348.
AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 8th day of July 1991
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 24th day of June 1991
WALSH LAWSON FIREMAN of
Dorland House
14/16 Regent Street
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Tel: 071 930 7389
Ref. NMB/DP
Solicitors
to Carlisle Group Plc

NO: 005586 OF 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF GPG plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 11 June 1991 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £128,000,000 to £28,456,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 12 June 1991
Dated this 26th day of June 1991
HERBERT SMITH
Exchange House,
Primrose Street,
London EC2A 2HS
Ref. 18C/C166
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
BEACONPOINT PROPERTY GROUP PLC
Registered No 2059178. Nature of Business Property Developer Trade Classification. 23 Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers. 17th June 1991 Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers. Trust Union Finance Limited Joint Administrative Receivers: A. R. BLOOM and D J. PALLEN Office Holder Numbers. 6462 and 5317. Address: Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
MAGPIECOURT LIMITED
Registered number: 1102409. Nature of business: Property Company. Trade classification 48. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 21 June 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Hill Samuel Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Roger Arthur Powdrill and John Parry Richards. (office holder nos): 2692 and 2480. Address: P O Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
In the Matter of
WINMORE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
High Court of Justice
No. 009012 of 1990
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 20 March 1991.
G C A MORPHITIS
LIQUIDATOR

SPECIALITY & WHOLESOME FOODS LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
Take notice that the undersigned, JOHN CHARLES HEATH of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, was appointed Liquidator of SPECIALITY & WHOLESOME FOODS LIMITED by a resolution of a meeting of the company's members held on the 4th day of June 1991.
JOHN C HEATH
Liquidator
Dated this 5th day of June 1991

WESTGATE LAND AND PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace., (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 4th day of July, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 19th day of June 1991
K. JAFFA
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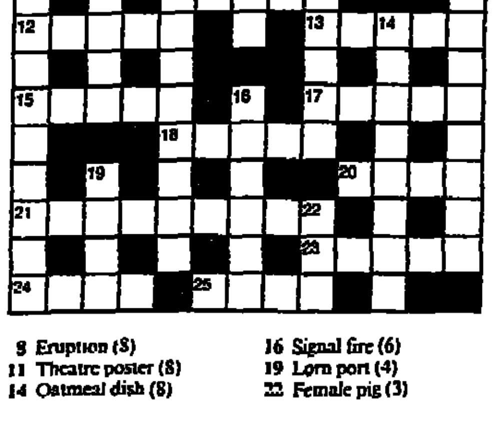

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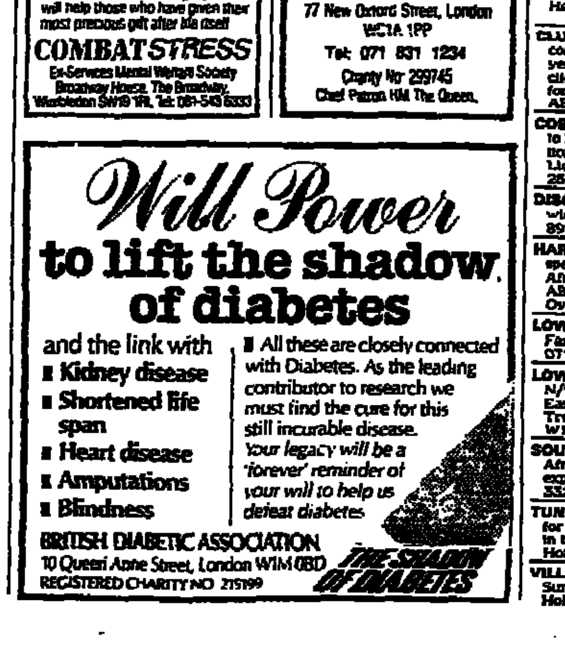

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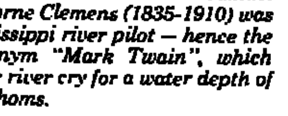

From 1857 to 1862 Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910) was a Mississippi river pilot — hence the pseudonym "Mark Twain", which was the river cry for a water depth of two fathoms.

MARK TWAIN AND THE PILGRIMS

MARK TWAIN, who met with an enthusiastic reception, said in reply:-

Pilgrims ... Mr Birrell [President] has touched lightly — very lightly, but in not an uncomplimentary way — on my position in this world as a moralist. (Laughter.) I am glad to have that recognition too, because I have suffered since I have been in this town (laughter), in the first place, right away, when I came here, from a newsman going around with a great red, highly displayed placard in the place of an apron. He was selling newspapers, and there were two sentences on that placard which would have been all right if they had been punctuated; but they ran those two sentences together without a comma or anything, and that would naturally create a wrong impression, but it said "Mark Twain arrives Ascot Cup stolen." (Loud laughter.)

No doubt many a person was misled by those sentences joined together in that unkind way. (Laughter.) I have no doubt my character has suffered from it. I suppose I ought to defend my character, but how can I defend it? I can say here and now — and anybody can see by my face that I am sincere, that I speak the truth — that I have never seen that Cup. (Laughter.) I have not got the Cup — I did not have a chance to get it. (Laughter.) I have always had a good character in that way. I have hardly ever stolen anything, and if I did steal anything I had discretion enough to know about the value of it first.

I do not steal things that are likely to get myself into trouble. I do not think any of us do that. I know we all take things (laughter) — that is to be expected — but really I have never taken anything, certainly in England, that amounts to any great thing. (Laughter.) I do confess that when I was here seven years ago I stole a hat (laughter), but that did not amount to anything. (Laughter.) It was not a good hat, and was only a clergyman's hat, anyway. (Laughter.) I was at a luncheon party, and Archdeacon Wilberforce was there also. I daresay he is Archdeacon now — he was a canon then — and he was serving in the Westminster battery, if that is the proper term (laughter) — I do not know, as you mix military and ecclesiastical things together so much.

He left the luncheon table before I did. He began this. I did steal his hat, but he began by taking mine. (Laughter.) I make that interjection because I would not accuse Archdeacon Wilberforce of stealing my hat — I should not think of it. (Laughter.) I confine that phrase to myself. He merely took my hat. (Laughter.) And with good judgment too — it was a better hat than his. (Laughter.) He came out before the luncheon was over, and sorted the hats in the hall, and selected one which suited. It happened to be mine. He went off with it. When I came out by-and-by there was no hat there which would go on my head except his, which was left behind: My head was not the customary size just at that time. (Laughter.) I had been receiving a good many very nice and complimentary attentions, and my head was a couple of sizes larger than usual, and his hat just suited me.

The bumps and corners were all right intellectually. (Laughter.) There were results pleasing to me — possibly so to him. He found out whose hat it was, and wrote me saying it was pleasant that all the way home, whenever he met anybody, his gravities, his solemnities, his deep thoughts, his eloquent remarks were all snatched up by the people he met, and mistaken for brilliant humourisms. (Laughter.)

I had another experience. (Laughter.) It was not unpleasing. I was received with a deference which was entirely foreign to my experience by everybody whom I met (laughter), so that before I got home I had a much higher opinion of myself than I have ever had before or since.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

LA CAPTIVE DU DESERT (PG): Raymond Depardon's existential study of a European woman held hostage by an African tribe. Beautiful to behold, but aggravating.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

CLASS ACTION (15): Gene Hackman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as father and daughter fighting opposite sides of a lawsuit. Fine acting; awkward script. Director, Michael Apted.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

KING OF NEW YORK (18): Christopher Walken as a ruthless hoodlum with style. Energetic thriller that finally gets out of hand; director, Abel Ferrara.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12): Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina; director, Brian Gilbert.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ THE POPE MUST DIE (12): Tired, mild comedy from the Comic Strip troupe, with Robbie Coltrane as an honest fool who mistakenly becomes Pope. With Beverly D'Angelo; director, Peter Richardson.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

RIFF-RAFF (15): Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (PG): E.M. Forster novel about the English abroad; amusing, pretty, but unsatisfactory. Starring Helena Bonham Carter, Rupert Graves; director, Charles Sturridge.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

CURRENT

CITIZEN KANE (U): Welles's enthralling examination of the American dream celebrates its 50th birthday with a new print. With Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Plaza (071-497 9999).

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. With Philippe Caubère; director, Yves Robert.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15): Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Starring Robert De Niro, Annette Bening; director, Irwin Winkler.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

JULES ET JIM (PG): Truffaut's classic 1962 portrait of a triangular relationship, frisky and tragic by turns. Starring Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner, Henri Serre.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ L.A. STORY (15): Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ MISERY (18): Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG): Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18): Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from director Jonathan Demme.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

STATE OF GRACE (18): Overblown tale of undercover cop Sean Penn on the horns of a dilemma in New York's Hell's Kitchen. Gary Oldman, Ed Harris; director, Phil Joanou.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ ANNA ON ANNA: Ilona Linthwaite plays Anna Wickham, feminist, poet and free spirit, enchanting.
Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-267 9649). Tues-Sun, 8pm. 90mins.

☐ AUGUSTINE (BIG HYSTERIA): Freud and his master discrediting tales of rape: Paines Plough in top form.
Lyric Studio Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm.

☒ ALL FOR LOVE: Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins. Final week.

☐ BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS: Seven adults play children in first-class version of Dennis Potter's taut play.
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Tues-Sun, 8.30pm. 90mins.

☐ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☒ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ COPS: Bill Bryden's no-holds-barred, no-words-banned staging of police life on the Lower East Side.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire returns with David Yip.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☒ A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: The comedy fares better than the romance. Pretty setting.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 8pm. 160mins.

☐ THE MISER: Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam, Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☒ THE ROSE TATTOO: Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ 70, GIRLS, 70: Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION: Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

■ TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)
☒ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909). . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443)
■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☒ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243)
☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☒ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL: A programme of 17th century Venetian vespers music performed by specialists in that field: the Gabrieli Consort and Players under Paul McCreesh.
Christ Church, Commercial Street, London E1 (071-377 0287), 7.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The London season continues with John Cranko's slapstick-style version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, enthusiastically danced by the company, and colourfully staged by Georgette Tsinguirides.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: An all-Mozart concert conducted by Sir Neville Marriner, with soloist Alfred Brendel, begins with the "Haffner" Symphony No 35, followed by *Sinfonia Concertante* in E flat, K297b, and ends with Piano Concerto in B flat, K595
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

BARCLAYS NEW STAGES FESTIVAL: The month-long festival showcasing young fringe companies worthy of better recognition continues with Graeme Miller's music-theatre piece, *A Girl Skipping* (see review, right); and, in the Theatre Upstairs, Nottingham-based group Dogs in Honey perform *Architecture for Babes*, a witty and intelligent piece which takes a wry look at television presentation.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (071-730 1745), 8pm.

RICHARD LONG: Since he won the Turner Prize in 1989, Richard Long has been more or less inescapable in leading public galleries. But the Hayward gets in smartly with the first large-scale retrospective. Four mud works on the walls are shown with ten floor pieces, and earlier photographic works document his walks and far-flung environmental sculptures.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 3144), 10am-8pm.

USTAD IMRAT KHAN: The South Bank's "Great Masters of Indian Classical Music" series features one of the leading exponents of the sitar.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

MARY MCGOVERN: Armed with a multi-octave range, the American singer flits effortlessly from pop to scat, easy listening to musical theatre. Her interpretations of Gershwin and Porter have won her enormous praise.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), 9.15pm and 11.15pm.

FRANCOISE POLLET: The acclaimed French soprano makes her first London appearance performing an Anglo-French programme of Berlioz, Britten and Debussy.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

THE CABAL OF SAINTLY HYPOCRITES: While Bradford's own Major Road Theatre Company visits the Soviet Union, the Moscow Studio Theatre makes its British debut with its individualistic approach to Molière.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), 8pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Walter Weller conducts Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 (with soloist John Lill) and Dvořák's Symphony No 9 in E minor "From The New World".
Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), 8pm.

FALSTAFF: Ian Judge's bright production of Verdi's comedy for Scottish Opera has a decisively English comic style, loud with mid-20th century references. Gordon Sandison takes the lead, with excellent vocal support from Steven Page, Mark Ainsley, Susannah Waters and Maria Prosperi. John Mauceri conducts. *Falstaff* is performed in repertory with *The Barber of Seville* until Saturday.
Playhouse Theatre, 18 Greenside Place, Edinburgh (031-557 2692), 7.15pm.

Unsubtle art of belly-laughs

DANCE

The Taming of the Shrew
Coliseum

CAN Ivan Nagy and English National Ballet succeed in making *The Taming of the Shrew* popular with British audiences after both Royal Ballet companies have tried and failed to do so? Monday's audience applauded and laughed in the right places, but will the crowds flock in?

This is not the subtlest of dramas, and although John Cranko's adaptation improves in some respects on Shakespeare's original, those offended by jokes about women, deceived lovers or the disabled would hardly enjoy it. At its best, the choreography offers belly-laughs, something not often experienced at the ballet: never was comedy more literally knock-about.

Maria Teresa del Real and Jose Manuel Carreno played Kate and Petruchio for the opening gala. Both dark-haired and flamboyant, they lack the contrast that makes for the most interesting partnerships, but attack their roles with enthusiasm. Neither of them, perhaps, is much of an actor: mugging and flouncing have to make do for characterisation.

Still they are sound enough dancers, although hardly in the virtuoso class, and they have been well coached. Carreno has a particularly nifty brand of pirouettes. Two other casts take over for the remaining performances; for my money, having seen them on the pre-London tour, the best bet is the conjunction of Lynne Charles and Laurent Novis tonight.

There is, as I reported from the tour, much unevenness in the supporting performances. Some roles are played with spirit and insight, others look rather flat or crudely overdone. Among the latter, I must sadly record the decidedly unfunny Gremio of Dominic Hickie, a usually able dancer miscast. On the other hand, two of the recent recruits, Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur, both from Estonia, bring charm and style to the romance of Bianca and Lucentio.

Perhaps it was the presence of the Princess of Wales on this occasion which caused the attack of gentility in the cast list, transforming the two whores into "bar girls". But it could be symptomatic of a tendency away from full-bloodedness, which might be the production's undoing. The corps de ballet work, both choreography and execution, already suffers from it.

The orchestra under Graham Bond deserves danger money for playing Kurt-Heinz Stolze's soporific adaptation of Scarlatti but survived without any worse fate than thinking, wrongly, that briskness would compensate for lack of variety.

JOHN PERCIVAL

DONALD COOPER

Flamboyant enthusiasm: Maria Teresa del Real and Jose Manuel Carreno

THEATRE

A Girl Skipping
Royal Court

AND skip she does, right at the start of Graeme Miller's work in the Barclays New Stages Festival, on and on and on, a tall girl with corn-coloured hair and the sun shining through it, until some people in the audience begin to titter. There is no doubting the sense of unpredictability and danger conveyed by these children's games performed by adults. The skipping is followed by a kind of violent footsie-footsie, where the performers end up in a tangle, then by musical chairs, then by pinching and a hand-slapping-on-table game which turns into a stately dance.

Miller has successfully captured the way children's games grow out of one another, suddenly stop, re-start, change from mayhem to meekness, making adult attempts at play seem petrified and ponderous. There is accurate observation of sarcastic mimicry and attempts to pass the buck, all splendidly synchronised in this polished performance.

But the show is not merely concerned with observation of childhood. Miller moves from games which could be played by children to ones which only could have been imagined by an adult. What about this: "Ring the bell and bear the consequences or spend the rest of your life wondering what might have happened." And then there is "love the dirty old man": a group of children line up facing an old drunk who swigs gin and mouths obscenities. As minimalist music plays louder, a girl is propelled towards the old man who only swears more violently and cries, "You can't even look at me." Youthful idealism meets entrenched hopelessness in a moment of utter misunderstanding.

There is an increasing sense of a dark vision, somewhat *à la* Derek Jarman, of the contemporary world, or contemporary Britain. Shadows certainly fall on the games, such as "Poison and antidote", in which a poisoned girl goes round infecting the others with contagious kisses. A circle is described on the stage and a man writhes, trapped within it like a Francis Bacon figure. Pass the parcel becomes "pass the syringe". The opening skipping image returns, only this time the rope is a wire attached to a metal boot revolving at high speed.

Performance art practitioners have accused critics of searching too hard for meaning in their work: my criticism of this piece is that it is at times too portentous.

HARRY EYRES

THEATRE

Cold Comfort Farm
Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Newbury

AUNT Ada shrieks from her sunless loft: "I saw something nasty in the woodshed." A squeaky-clean young miss enters the kitchen below, takes in the dirt of decades, the porridge heaving sullenly in the pot, the sukebind spreading tendrils from the grubby corners. "Oh dear," she remarks, "and I cannot endure messes."

Doom and gloom sent packing by a bright young thing's good sense is the essence of Stella Gibbons's immortal tale, and in the first two lines of Paul Doust's artful adaptation the battle positions are established. From upstairs the wailing beldam will hold her Starkadder descendants in thrall — our Amos, stricken Judith, hunky Seth, morose Urk, Rennet with her unfortunate compulsion to throw herself into wells, strange Elfine with blossoms decking her hair. And determined to put a stop to all this rustic nonsense will be Flora, "Robert Poste's child", finding a simple solution to each disaster.

The original novel spoofed the earthy sagas then in vogue, and specially atmospheric passages were given asterisks after the style of Baedeker guidebooks. Doust finds a fairly close theatrical equivalent to this tongue-in-cheek self-consciousness by making Flora aware she is in an adaptation, and alerting us to the stereotypical turns of plot.

This idea works well and the comic possibilities are seized by Alison Larkin whose insouciant Flora is the hub of the evening. With a voice as chiselled as her profile, never at a loss for the arresting adverb, this is surely how Lady Bracknell's granddaughter would have looked and sounded.

The Watermill Theatre is set among gardens, and just before the interval Amanda Knott's production moves out on to one of the lawns and the audience is flailed by Amos's hellfire sermon to the Quivering Brethren. Later we become guests at the ball before returning to the Starkadder farmhouse for the showdown with Aunt Ada and the fetid sukebind.

The evening is one of those occasions when the faces of the audience are wreathed with smiles, delighted by its accomplished absurdity. Nice performances from, among others, Karen Westwood's dreamy Elfine, William Brand's Urk ripping out a vole's innards with his teeth, and Darlene Johnson, careworn features caked with porridge.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

RPO/Previn
Festival Hall

NOT all that long ago, whenever André Previn's name appeared on a billboard a healthy-sized house could be guaranteed, whatever music he happened to be conducting. But at Sunday's concert the size of the audience was such that we might have been at one of those infamously neglected BBC Symphony Orchestra evenings. There were two reasons. Although the stature of his musicianship has not diminished, Previn no longer fits the image of the dashing, slightly rebellious young superstar. And he also dared to begin his programme with a symphony: the second by Henri Dutilleux, subtitled "Le Double" and composed in 1958-9.

Like every other work in Dutilleux's small canon, this piece deserves to be better known. Though less radical (and in many ways less naïve) than that of Messiaen, the language is strong and distinctive, vividly coloured and, above all, free. It progresses with the inevitability of some great engine, the tension sustained by the use of two contrasting groups, full orchestra and chamber ensemble, in both the central slow movement and in the outer, quicker ones. Contrast between and subtle overlapping of other opposites, such as opulent melody and motoric rhythm, or between faster and more static music, is also crucial to the structure.

Previn and the Royal Philharmonic gave a well-prepared, refined account, with the team of guest principals in the chamber group — which includes prominent parts for harpsichord, celeste and timpani as well as the more usual instruments — adding distinct lustre with their artfully interwoven solos.

Originally the symphony was to have been followed by Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*, but because of pressure of work Previn instead conducted Vaughan Williams' *A London Symphony*. His close affinity with this composer is well known, and here he delivered a performance both assured and deeply affectionate: one considerably helped by the orchestra's responsive and equally sincere playing.

My apologies to Gavin Bryars for mistakenly calling him Michael Nyman in my review yesterday.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK

Beach Boys
Wembley Arena

MANY ancient monuments have reached such a state of disrepair that only the building of replicas can save them. This avenue of escape from wear and tear may have occurred to the Beach Boys from time to time. They recorded their first single in 1961, thereby pre-dating the Rolling Stones and the Grateful Dead in the ranks of Sixties groups still touring.

Mike Love, always the group's front man and cheerleader, extracted some laughs from the irony of singing teenage songs such as "Be True to Your School" at the age of 50. Growing old with dignity cannot be easy for these veterans of south Californian beach culture. Their audience of 40- and 50-somethings seemed determined to carry adolescence through into dotage, batting beach balls and flailing wildly to "Barbara Ann" and "I Get Around".

Doubtless stimulated by this playground atmosphere, the group played inspired versions of a string of hits. The guiding genius behind the songs — Brian Wilson — was absent for reasons which go into realms of the surreal. His spirit was present, however, in some of the most beautiful pop songs ever composed, in particular ballads such as "Don't Worry Baby" or "Please Let Me Wonder", and arrangements which, in their original form, transcended the limited resources of a garage band.

The vocals were swapped between Mike Love, Bruce Johnston, Carl Wilson and the dependable Al Jardine. Jardine defied belief and dependability by forgetting one of his lines during "Sloop John B", but this was not a night for recriminations. Those unique Beach Boys harmonies sounded far more accurate than they would have done in the mid-Sixties, and difficult songs such as "Good Vibrations" and "God Only Knows" were negotiated with ease.

Despite the solid professionalism of this show, the prospect of 60-somethings getting excited about hot-rods, surfing and "California Girls" remains unappetising. The group's answer may be to find some young replicant Beach Boys within the next few years and then gracefully retire.

DAVID TOOP

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WORD-WATCHING

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SHIRALEE

(c) A swag, i.e. a swagman's bundle down under in Oz, origin unknown: "Let him down easy and slow. Drop in his shiralee and water bag by him. That's right."

KAKI

(c) The Japanese persimmon, or the Chinese date plum, *Dispyros kaki*, from the Japanese word: "The fruit of the kaki is as large as an ordinary apple, of a bright red colour."

PERNANCY

(c) The taking or receiving of anything, from the Old French *prenance* the action of taking something into one's possession: "They had an actual possession, or in our law-language pernancy, of the profits."

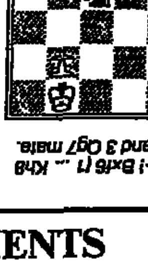
STROUD

(b) A blanket specifically manufactured for barter or sale in trading with the North American Indians, usually for some reason blue, perhaps from Stroud in Gloucestershire: "Be pleased to give to the son of the Piankasha king these two strouds to clothe him."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Plaskett — Wells, Watson, Farley & Williams/City of London Corporation Chess Challenge 1991. Black has good value for his queen with two rooks and a pawn, but white can win immediately. Can you see how?



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BBC 1

.00 **Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News**

.05 **Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club** (r) **9.30 The Animators: Persistence of Vision.** This last in the series explores the importance of fruit in animation (r)

.00 **News**, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays 10.25 Jimbo and the Jet Set** (r) **10.35 Horseback: Going Faster.** Cantering and galloping explored by David Vine and Annette Ling (r)

.00 **News**, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House: A Silent Fallen Tree.** A teachers' strike turns the school — and the Witherspoon household — upside down (r). (Ceefax) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills gives tips on looking after goldleafing on leather (r). (Ceefax)

.00 **News**, regional news and weather **12.05 National Geographic Specials: Realm of the Alligators.** A trek into the murky wilds of the Okefenokee swamps in Georgia to watch the alligator monarchy that rules there **12.55 Regional news** and weather

.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather **1.30 Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax)

.50 **Wimbledon 91.** Weather permitting, live coverage of the All England championships

.10 **Rude Dog And The Dweebs** (r) **4.35 The Movie Game.** Jonathon Morris hosts the final of the movie quiz as young film buffs from all over the country battle it out for the Star Movie Makers title

.00 **Newsround 5.10 The Bartons.** Elly tries to save a tree in the back yard from being cut down (r)

.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey. Weather

.30 **Regional news magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours

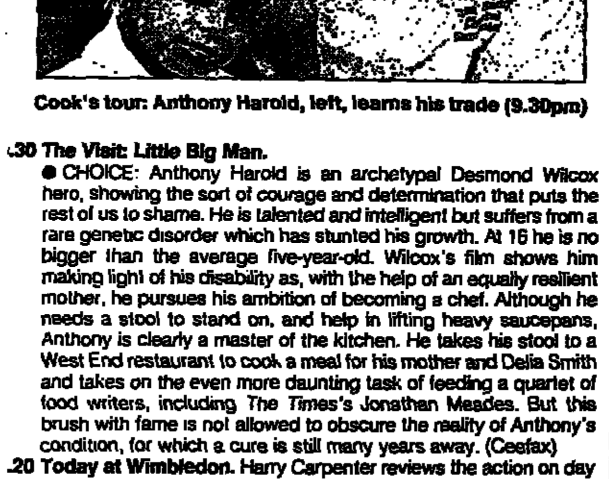
.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests are rap singer Vanilla Ice; talented actress Helen Mirren, who can be seen on the screen in *Where Angels Fear to Tread* and at the Young Vic from the beginning of July in *Sex Please, We're Italian*; and Nesta Wyn Ellis, the prime minister's latest biographer

.30 **Come Dancing 91.** Angela Rippon returns with a new series for lovers of lamé, Latin, samba and satin, introducing couples from south London and Sheffield as they glide across the floor to the music of Andy Ross and his orchestra in the quest to find the country's best ballroom dancers. From the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. (Ceefax)

00 **Police Rescue: Hostage.** Routine Australian police drama starring Gary Sweet and Sonia Todd. Georgia and Mike go into action as a woman hostage goes into labour during a failed bank robbery.

50 **Points of View.** Anne Robinson lets viewers have their say

00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Cook's tour: Anthony Harold, left, learns his trade (9.30pm)

.30 **The Visit: Little Big Man.**

● CHOICE: Anthony Harold is an archetypal Desmond Wilcox hero, showing the sort of courage and determination that puts the rest of us to shame. He is talented and intelligent but suffers from a rare genetic disorder which has stunted his growth. At 16 he is no bigger than the average five-year-old. Wilcox's film shows him making light of his disability as, with the help of an equally resilient mother, he pursues his ambition of becoming a chef. Although he needs a stool to stand on, and help in lifting heavy saucepans, Anthony is clearly a master of the kitchen. He takes his stool to a West End restaurant to cook a meal for his mother and Delia Smith and takes on the even more daunting task of feeding a quartet of food writers, including *The Times*'s Jonathan Meades. But this brush with fame is not allowed to obscure the reality of Anthony's condition, for which a cure is still many years away. (Ceefax)

.20 **Today at Wimbledon.** Harry Carpenter reviews the action on day three of the All England championships

.20 **Film: The Culpepper Cattle Company** (1972). Brutal, anti-romantic western, combining cowboy adventure with a coming-of-age theme. Gary Grimes plays a teenager who joins a cattle drive and comes face to face with the harsh reality of range-riding life. *With Billy Bush and Bo Hopkins. Directed by Dick Richards*

.50am **Weather**

BBC 2

6.45 **Open University:** Computing — Body in White **7.10** Water for a City — Nottingham. Ends at **7.35**

8.00 **News**

8.15 **Westminster.** The latest news from both Houses of Parliament

9.00 **Yesterday at Wimbledon.** Highlights of the second day's play (r)

10.00 **Film: The Great Lie** (1941, b/w). Marvellous Warners Brothers melodrama with Bette Davis and Mary Astor in prime form as bitchy rivals. Astor's hasty marriage to concert pianist George Brent proves to be illegal, leaving him free to marry the woman he really loves (Davis). But when he disappears on a business trip to South America, Davis learns that Astor is to have his child. Astor's performance won her an Oscar for best supporting actress. With Lucille Watson, Hattie McDaniel and music by Max Steiner and Tchaikovsky. Directed by Edmund Goulding

11.45 **The History Man: Town Names.** How the villages of Long Stratton and Saffron Walden got their names (r) **11.50 Country File.** Magazine programme focusing on rural, environmental and agricultural issues, presented by John Craven (r)

12.15 **Tales of Aesop.** Puppet show for children featuring the story of *The Fox, the Wolf and the Sausages* (r) **12.20 What's Inside?** Floella Benjamin with children from East Acton First School (r)

12.30 **Wimbledon '91.** Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage on day three of the championships. (Ceefax). Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50**

Children need stretching: Professor Colwyn Trevarthen (8.20pm)

8.20 **Play for Tomorrow.**

● CHOICE: Thatcher-bashing turns up in the most unusual places, even in this documentary about nursery schools. *Play for Tomorrow* pulls out a clip from the early Seventies in which Mrs T as education secretary sings the praises of nursery education and promises to make it generally available. The present incumbent, Kenneth Clarke, says bluntly that it is not a promise anyone can sensibly renew. The film argues that she was right and he is wrong. The statistics show Britain having the worst state provision for nursery schooling in Europe, with the exception of Portugal. Yet experts, such as Professor Colwyn Trevarthen of Edinburgh university, say that children need stretching, even at the age of three, and that nursery schooling has been shown by research to have lasting benefits. An American study found that recipients of good pre-school education were more productive, committed fewer crimes and made less demand on welfare benefits

9.00 **Film: National Lampoon's European Vacation** (1985). More slapstick adventures of the awful Griswold family, even less funny than in *National Lampoon's Vacation* show in this slot last week. This time, Clark (Chevy Chase) and Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo), plus their two nauseous offspring, appear as contestants on a television game show and win a European trip that takes in France, Germany and Britain. Written by the usually reliable John Hughes (who penned *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and the recent hit *Home Alone*), the script is desperately short on invention and wit. But there are amusing cameo performances by our very own Eric Idle, Mel Smith and Robbie Coltrane. Directed by Amy Heckerling

10.30 **Newsnight** presented by Peter Snow

11.15 **Push the Boat Out: Renfrew Ferry.** The first of five programmes recorded during Glasgow's Mayfest last year. The Renfrew Ferry, once a car transporter, is now permanently moored on the Clyde and allows visiting musicians to perform against a picturesque backdrop of views of the river and the lights of the city. The series is hosted by virtuoso fiddler Aly Bain and composer, multi-instrumentalist and record producer Phil Cunningham. Featured are veteran singer-songwriter John Martyn, Eddi Reader (once of *Fairground Attraction* and a star of *Your Cheatin' Heart*), Mary Black and Carol Laula

11.55 **Weather**

12.00 **Open University:** *Serjeant Musgrave at the Court.* Author John Arden, director Lindsay Anderson, actor Ian Bannen and set designer Jocelyn Herbert discuss the original production of *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance* at the Royal Court Theatre. **12.25am** Evaluating Outcomes. Ends at **12.55**

ITV

6.00 **TV-am**

9.25 **Cross Wits.** Tom O'Connor hosts the word game show **9.55 Thames News** and weather

10.00 **Out of This World.** American sitcom about aliens

10.30 **This Morning.** Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley.

12.10 **Allsorts.** Children's entertainment (r)

12.30 **News** with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather

1.20 **Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice.** Australian medical drama set in a rural community health centre

2.20 **Take the High Road.** Scottish soap set in the Highlands **2.50 Crazy Comparisons.** Chris Tarrant hosts the show in which guests Annabel Croft, Bella Emberg, Nino Firetto and Steve Jones try to guess the identity of a mystery personality

3.15 **ITN News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama

3.55 **The Raggy Dolls** (r) **4.05 Bangers and Mash** (r) **4.10 Garfield and Friends** (r) **4.40 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r)

5.10 **Blockbusters** presented by Bob Holness

5.40 **News** with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 **Thames Help.** Jackie Spreckley with more advice on complaining about goods and services

6.00 **Home and Away** (r) **6.30 Thames News**

7.00 **Busman's Holiday.** Butlers, parachutists and ice skaters compete in this week's round of the travel and occupation quiz show. Presented by Sarah Kennedy. (Oracle)

7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle)

8.00 **We Are Seven.** Enjoyable drama series set in Thirties Wales and featuring Bridget Morgan (Helen Roberts) and her seven illegitimate children. The harvest festival, starring Mrs Price (Beth Morris) and Marjorie Thomas (Lesley Rooney), is underway when the Morgans arrive back, causing not only chaos but disaster. (Oracle)

9.00 **Fire!** Continuing the fly-on-the wall look at the Kingsland fire station in Hackney, east London. White Watch are a young, sometimes boisterous group of male firefighters who enjoy their work and playing practical jokes. This programme shows the bizarre medieval punishment they impose when one of their colleagues steps out of line. But we also hear from a more experienced firefighter about the appalling scenes he has witnessed and the impact this has had on him

Beached Wales: Imelda Staunton and David Robb (9.30pm)

9.30 **Up the Garden Path.** A beach holiday in Wales brings matters to a head for Izzy (Imelda Staunton) and Charles (David Robb) in Sue Limb's jolly sitcom

10.00 **News at Ten** with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News**

10.40 **Film: Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer — Murder Takes All** (1989). The third Mike Hammer television film starring Stacy Keach as the tough private investigator. Hammer gets a call from Las Vegas entertainer Johnny Roman (Ed Winter) asking him to take a case. Hammer refuses but when Roman is found murdered, he becomes the prime suspect. Directed by John Nicolella

12.20am **Film: The Scalphunters** (1968). Energetic, brawling comedy western with Burt Lancaster as Joe Bass, a fur trapper heading for civilisation. He is stopped by five Indians who force him to trade his pelts for a runaway Negro slave named Lee (Ossie Davis). Lee is eager to go to Mexico, where slavery is illegal, but Joe is determined to retrieve his furs. The two form an uneasy alliance to track down the Indians. A fine supporting cast includes Shelley Winters, Telly Savalas and Dabney Coleman. Directed by Sydney Pollack

2.15 **Videofashion.** A look at the work of Chantal Thomas, Bernard Perris, Daniel Hechter, Dorothee Bis and Enrico Coveri

2.40 **America's Top Ten.** With Tommy Puett and Casey Kasem

3.10 **Quiz Night.** The pub and club quiz show, hosted by Martin Roberts

3.40 **The New Sessions.** The LAs in concert

4.10 **Truckspeed from Lydden Hall**

4.40 **Fifty Years On** (b/w). The headlines of mid-June 1941

5.00 **Grand Ole Opry.** Country music from Nashville, Tennessee

5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Richard Bath. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel Four Daily**

9.25 **Film: The Show Goes On** (1937, b/w). Sentimental musical starring Gracie Fields in the semi-autobiographical story of a Lancashire mill girl who aspires to a career on the London stage. Directed by Basil Dean

11.05 **The Flea and the Giants: Merchants of the Future.** A series tracing the current and future role of computers. This first programme takes a look at the storage and control of financial information in today's stock exchanges

12.00 **The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily**

1.00 **Sesame Street** (r)

2.00 **Gallery.** Informal arts quiz hosted by George Melly (r)

2.30 **Film: The Star Maker** (1939, b/w). Pleasant minor musical starring Bing Crosby as Larry Earl, an unsuccessful singer-songwriter who marries and settles down to a job as a department store floorwalker. However the call of showbusiness proves to be too strong. Directed by Roy Del Ruth

4.15 **Glass-Blowing in Belgium.** A film about an endangered craft

4.30 **Fifteen-to-One.** Quiz show hosted by William G. Stewart

5.00 **Famous for 4 Minutes.** Ordinary Britons talk about their hopes and fears

5.05 **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** This edition is devoted to Academy Award winning actress and comedienne Whoopi Goldberg

6.00 **A Different World.** American sitcom set on a college campus

6.30 **Best of The Word** featuring Sherilyn Fenn (of *Twin Peaks*), Vanilla Ice and Maria McKee

7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext). Weather

7.50 **Party Political Comment** from a Labour Party politician

8.00 **Brookside.** Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext)

8.30 **Check Out '91.**

● CHOICE: Continuing to interpret consumerism in its widest sense, the revamped *Check Out* presents what it claims to be the first television report on vasectomy. The operation takes ten minutes and more than a million men in Britain, including Neil Kinnock and Michael Parkinson, have had it. According to the Marie Stopes Clinic and other reputable bodies, it is the safest form of contraception. *Check Out*, however, is not in business to provide commercials but to raise doubts. These stem from the apparent connection between the "snip" and higher than average levels of prostate and testicular cancer. The programme makers insist they are not trying to be alarmist and viewers may be comforted to learn that even the experts disagree. A less contentious item looks at Britain's dirty beaches and tries to offer guidance on how we can tell whether they are safe to use

9.00 **Out.**

● CHOICE: In the Fifties the Wolfenden committee was forced to hide "homosexuality and prostitution" behind the euphemism "Huntley and Palmers" to avoid offending the women typists. That was in the Fifties but a report launching a new series of Channel 4's gay and lesbian programme, suggests that not much has changed. Despite Wolfenden, it contends, the law on homosexuality is still one of the harshest in Europe. With Roy Hattersley declining to appear, Labour's case is put by Barry Sheerman, MP. He is so hilariously incoherent that a second take has to be ordered. The other item is about the growing following among lesbians for country and western music, traditionally held to be an expression of American sexism. Their heroines range from the late Patsy Cline, a battered wife and the first singer to wear trousers on stage, to the androgynous Elvis lookalike, k.d. lang

Lesbians' idol: country and western singer k.d. lang (9.00pm)

10.00 **The Golden Girls.** Sparkling sitcom about four matrons sharing a Miami house

10.30 **The New Statesman.** Repeat of the third comedy series about the odious Tory MP Alan B'Stard (Rik Mayall). (Teletext)

11.00 **Just for Laughs.** Muriel Gray and Jimmy Mulville present the series featuring the best of the annual Montreal Comedy Festival. Performers include Stephanie Hodge, Thea Vidal and Larry Miller

11.30 **Frank's Place.** Tepid American sitcom about conservative Boston college professor Frank Parrish (Tim Reid) who inherits a New Orleans restaurant and its clientele

12.00 **Film: Distant Thunder** (1973). A powerful and moving account of the appalling man-made famine in Bengal during the second world war, focusing on the experiences of a Brahmin doctor (Soumitra Chatterjee). Directed by Satyajit Ray. Ends at **1.50am**

ITV VARIATIONS

NGLIA

London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia ws 12.20 Quiz Night 12.50 Top Ten 1.20 opean Detective 2.55 Pop Profile 3.15 w Power 4.15 Fifty Years On 4.35 shville Swing 5.05-5.30 Farming Diary

RDER

London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Seeing rs 5.10-5.40 Home Away 6.00 Lookard Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 25am Night Heat 1.20 Donahue 2.15 eo View 2.40 60 Minutes 3.35 Film: Next e I'll Kill You 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

ENTRAL

London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central ws 12.20 In the Heat of the Night 1.15 60 utes 2.10 Stand Up 2.40 Pick of the ek 3.10 Funny Farm 3.40 Stephen King's rld of Horror 4.35-5.30 Jobs

RAMPIAN

London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and ay 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.25 Night Heat 1.20 Donahue 5 Video View 2.40 60 Minutes 3.35 Film. xt Time I'll Kill You 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

RANADA

London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada ight 10.40 Celebration '91 11.25 Kenny Rogers 12.25 Night Heat 1.20 Donahue 2.15 Video View 2.40 60 Minutes 3.35 Film: Next Time I'll Kill You 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 How Does Your Garden Grow? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Sin Agad El 12.20am Coach 12.50 Backstage 1.00 Donahue 2.00 Space 2.55 Film: The Priest Killer 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Aerobics 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.25 Night Heat 1.20 Donahue 2.15 Video View 2.40 60 Minutes 3.35 Film, Next Time I'll Kill You 5.15-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.20am Film: Lust in the Dust 1.55 Donahue 2.50 Kojak 4.00 The Silk Road 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 On The Wild Side 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 James Whale's Paper Round 12.25am Night Heat 1.20 Donahue 2.15 Video View 2.40 60 Minutes 3.35 Film: Next Time I'll Kill You 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's The Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The Event 11.10 The Sweeney 12.10am Pop Profile 12.25 Night Heat 1.20 Donahue 2.15 Video View 2.40 60 Minutes 3.35 Film: Next Time I'll Kill You 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.20am The Equalizer 1.15 William Tell 1.45 Short Story Theatre 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30 The New Sessions 3.00 Comedy Tonight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: The Snows of Kilimanjaro 12.30pm Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Go Fishing 2.30 Film: The Star Maker* 4.15 Glass-Blowing in Belgium 4.30 Dennis 4.45 Kate and Alfie 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Lle Nela I Blant? 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Ar Y Tir 8.00 Nature Watch 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Now You're Talking 9.20 Palu Milaen 9.50 Film: Two Way Stretch 11.30-12.30 Out

RTE 1

Starts: 12.40pm Oireachtas Report 1.00 News 1.30 Bosco 2.00 The Little Zoo 2.05 Edward and Friends 2.10 T-Bag and the Rings of Olympus 2.30 Gentle Ben 3.00 News followed by Sam 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Against the Wind 5.20 Quaqquao 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Squeez Euro Skateboard Championship 7.35 Life Goes On 8.30 The Radharc Documentary 9.00 News 9.30 La Stupenda 11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.35-11.45 News

NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.55pm Wimbledon 91 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Perfect Strangers 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News 8.05 Jo-Maxi Remix 8.30 Who's the Boss? 9.00 Bagdad Cafe 9.30 News followed by Dempsey and Makepeace 10.30 Wimbledon 91 11.10 News 11.30 Oireachtas Report 11.55 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.00 Card Sharks 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 "V" 9.00 Equal Justice 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

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SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight

10.00 Boundaries of the Heart (1988): Romantic drama set in a sleepy Australian town. Starring Wendy Hughes

12.00 The Birch Interval (1976) The touching story of a young girl's learning experiences in Pennsylvania Amish country

2.00pm Circle of Violence (1985) Disturbing drama about parent abuse. Starring Tuesday Weld

4.00 Anything to Survive (1990): Drama about a family shipwrecked off the Alaskan coast. Starring Robert Conrad

5.40 Entertainment Tonight

6.00 The Lady and the Highwayman (1988): Lavish tale of lust, treachery and chivalry with Emma Samms and Oliver Reed

7.35 Best of the Historical Carry Ons

8.00 Dangerous Liaisons (1988). Glenn Close and John Malkovich star as scheming French aristocrats

10.00 Star Wars: Patrick Swayze v Jean-Claude Van Damme. Viewers are invited to ring 0898 500172 and vote for either Steel Dawn (1987): Futuristic adventure about a moody drifter who helps a damsel in distress. Starring Patrick Swayze, or Kickboxer (1989): Jean-Claude Van Damme stars as a hard-hitting martial arts expert out to avenge the maiming of his brother

11.45 Out of Control (1985): Drama about a group of teenagers who crashland on a desert island. Starring Martin Hewitt

1.10am Buy and Cell (1987): Comedy about a framed stockbroker who sets up a successful business from behind bars

2.45 Little Girl Lost (1988): A foster family fights for custody of its four-year-old adoptive daughter. Starring Tess Harper

4.15 Big Man on Campus (1990): Comedy about a hunchback who goes to college. Starring Allan Katz. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Bolero (1934, b/w): Musical drama based around Ravel's celebrated work

8.15 The Perfect Furlough (1958): To boost morale, a member of an Arctic army unit is chosen to represent the others on a trip to Paris. Starring Tony Curtis

9.50 The Quiet Man (1952): A former boxer (John Wayne) is forced to fight again for the hand of the woman he loves. Co-stars Maureen O'Hara

12.15pm The Desert Rats (1953). A British army captain has to win the respect of the Australian troops under his command

1.55 Man of La Mancha (1972): Film adaptation of the Broadway musical about Don Quixote. Starring Peter O'Toole

4.15 The Magic Sword (1962): A young knight has to rescue a damsel in distress

5.50 Spotlight

6.15 Lena — My Hundred Children (1987): True story about a Jewish teacher (Linda Lavin) who smuggled 100 Polish children to safety during the second world war

8.00 Romeo and Juliet (1968): Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey star as Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers

10.40 Eight Men Out (1988): Charlie Sheen stars in this drama about the Chicago Black Sox baseball scandal of 1919

12.40am New York Stories (1989): Three disappointing stories about the Big Apple by directors Martin Scorsese, Francis Ford Coppola and Woody Allen

2.45 Cop's Honour (1985). French-made thriller starring Alain Delon as a former cop on the trail of his daughter's murderer

4.20 Third Degree Burn (1988): A private investigator (Treat Williams) is a prime murder suspect. Ends at 6.00

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 10.00am Wimbledon 12.00 Motorsport 1.30pm On Cue 2.00 Scottish Football 4.00 Watersports 5.00 Hydroplaning 6.00 Fishing the West 7.00 The Camel Trophy 1991 8.00 Wimbledon 10.00 Troque 11.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 12.00 Wimbledon

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 1.00pm Athletics 2.00 Duathlon 3.00 Basketball: France v Greece 5.00 Golf: Canon Shoot Out 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Basketball: Yugoslavia v Bulgaria 9.30 Athletics Berlin 10.00 Cycling: Tour de Suisse 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am European Golf 8.00 Cycling 8.30 Fight Night at the Forum 10.00 Women's Beach Volleyball 11.00 Men's Senior Pro Bowlers 12.15pm Golf 1.30 Superbike Championships 2.00 Motor Sport 3.00 Enduro World Championship 3.30 Motorsport 5.00 Pro Surfing Tour 5.30 World Jet Ski Tour 6.00 Golf Tour 7.00 Athletics 8.00 Motor Sport 9.00 Pro Box 10.00 Major League Baseball 12.00 Motor Sport

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Workout 11.50 Pizza Gourmet 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of the Night 2.05 Afternoon Cinema: Blue Fire Lady 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 3

35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News

30 Morning Concert: Brahms (Horn Trio in E flat: Barry Tuckwell, Itzhak Perlman, violin, Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano) **7.30** News

35 Morning Concert (cont): Wiren (Serenade for Strings. Stockholm Sinfonietta under Salonen); Albinoni (Concerto in F, Op 9 No 3: I Musici, with Heinz Holliger and Maurice Bourgue, oboes); Schubert (Adagio and Rondo in F, D 487. Melos Ensemble); Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Ernst Ansermet)

30 News

35 Composers of the Week: Music from the Reign of Henry VIII. Taverner (Missa Gloria tibi Trinitas, In nomine); Johnson (In nomine); Blitheman (In nomine), Tallis (Libera nos, salva nos)

35 Midweek Choice. Verdi (Ballet Music, Sicilian Vespers, No 1 Winter: Monte Carlo National Opera Orchestra under Antonio De Almeida); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 6 in D, K 271a: Henryk Szeryng, New Philharmonia under Gibson); Verdi (Ballet Music, Sicilian Vespers, No 2 Spring); Alkan (Fantasy Variations on Mozart's Don Giovanni. Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow, pianos), Bruch (Septet in E flat, Op Posth. Consortium Classicum); Verdi (Ballet Music, Sicilian Vespers, No 3 Summer), Weber (Konzertstück in F minor, Op 79. LSO under Claudio Abbado, with Alfred Brendel, piano). Don Gillis (Symphony No 5½, A Symphony for Fun: New SO under Don Gillis); Verdi (Ballet Music, Sicilian Vespers, No 4 Autumn)

50 Berlin PO under Abbado performs Berg (Three Pieces, Op 6), Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor, Op 68)

0pm News

35 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London. The pianist Gordon Fergus-Thompson plays Bach, arr Busoni (Toccata and Fugue in D minor), Schumann (Papillons, Op 2), Chopin (Polonaise-Fantasy, Op 61); Scriabin (Sonata No 4 in F sharp, Op 30)

2.00 Record Review (r)

3.10 Vintage Years: The cellist Pierre Fournier plays Bach (Sonata in G, BWV 1027, Movements 1 and 2: with Ernest Lush, piano); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor, Op 102: with the Philharmonia under Alceo Galliera and David Oistrakh, violin)

4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Westminster Abbey

5.00 Flamenco: In the second of three conversations with Donald Macleod, the flamenco guitarist Marcos talks about the music of Cadiz (r)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Peter Paul Nash

7.00 News **7.05** Third Ear

7.30 Brendel Plays Mozart: Live from the Festival Hall, London. Alfred Brendel, piano, Celia Nicklin, oboe, Andrew Marriner, clarinet, Graham Sheen, bassoon, Michael Thompson, horn, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner perform Mozart (Symphony No 35 in D, Haffner; Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K 297b). **8.25** Mozart in London. David Gooderson reads extracts from the book by the music historian Carl Ferdinand Pohl, who, in the 1860s, spent three years in London investigating the Mozart family's visit there a century earlier. **8.45** Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K 595)

9.25 Footsteps from the Finland Station: Khrushchev's Secret Speech. Michael Charlton's series tracing five landmarks in the collapse of communism begins with Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin in 1956 (r)

10.25 Dutch Chamber Music: L'Ecole d'Orphée performs David Petersen (Sonata No 12 in D minor); Sybrand van Noordt (Sonata for two unaccompanied violins); Servaes de Konink (Suite in A minor) (r)

11.00 Bartók (Sonata for two pianos and percussion: Martha Argerich and Nelson Freire, pianos, Edgar Guggeis and Peter Sadlo, percussion)

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mozart (r)

1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

2.30-3.10 Night School Extra (FM only)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Kirkby Lonsdale in Cumbria (r)

10.30 Morning Story: The Mermaid and the Rat Catcher, by Moy McCrory

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; File on 4 (r)

11.42 The Parts: Carol Vorderman exposes forged signatures in the consumer technology series

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Litmus Test: Michael Scott puts Heather Couper, Nigel Henbest, John Durant and Tristram Wyatt under the microscope in a light-hearted investigation of science (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour previews the housing of the future; Maeve Haran discusses her novel *Having It All*; Charles Kennedy, Su Pollard and the pupils of Holland Park Comprehensive reveal their embarrassing moments; and Dr Fiona Caldicott, dean of the Royal College of Psychiatry, celebrates the faculty's 150th anniversary

3.00 News, Ilona and Emile. Frederick Bradnum's comedy is set in Bulgaria in 1936. Ilona (Charlotte Coleman) follows Emile (Jonathan Moore), who says he is following his sister and her lover (s)

3.47 Treasure Islands: In the last of the present series, Julia Eccleshare selects the best of the season's new books for children

4.00 News

4.05 What If . . . ? Dr Christopher Andrew asks what would have happened if Enoch Powell had not been sacked by Edward Heath after his "Rivers of Blood" speech

4.30 Kaleidoscope: Richard Condon, author of *Prizzi's Honour*, talks about his latest novel *The Final Addiction*, Alan Frank reviews the film *Naked Gun 2½ — The Smell of Fear*; Nick Shrimpton reviews the RSC's production of *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*, and there is a review of the new recording of *Ikon of Light*, the religious inspired music of the British composer John Tavener (s)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 Brain of Britain 1991 (s) (r)

7.00 News **7.05** The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts

7.45 Medicine Now (r)

8.15 Concerto: The last of the series in which six concert performers talk to June Knox-Mawer. Harpsichord player Trevor Pinnock talks about his period instrument chamber orchestra, the English Concert, and introduces his recording of Haydn's Piano Concerto in D (s)

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Age of Iron, by J.M. Coetzee (8 of 10)

11.00 Musician at Large

● CHOICE: What should they know of Steve Race who only *My Music* know? Not much, otherwise what need is there for this five-part celebration of his 50 years in broadcasting? Race is a music man down to his fingertips. And one of the many delights in this opening instalment is to hear those fingertips in action on the keyboard, in recordings he made with, *inter alia*, some of his own quartets and quintets. But why is he so apologetic about his solo playing in *The Dream of Olwen* which, tunefully, is perfectly acceptable? And why so modest about his splendid improvisation on four given notes? (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News. Sport 9.00 News and Sport: Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business: 0345 909 693, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News and Sport. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Wimbledon '91: Commentary from the All England Lawn Tennis Championships 7.20 Hard Cash, by Derek Smith. Read by Tony Robinson 7.35 James and the Giant Peach: Where Will It All End? The final part of Roald Dahl's bestseller 8.00 Pop Call 9.00 Cities: A Student Guide to London 9.30 The Leading Edge: John Howard talks to the astrologer Russell Grant (r) 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Earshot, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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THE TIME TO CARE IS NOW

Lone hot spot as the rain continues

By Robin Young

ONE small of part of Britain yesterday rivalled the 90F temperatures being enjoyed in Moscow. Staff had to resort to electric fans after a burst water main in the London offices of the stockbrokers Smith New Court put the air-conditioning plant out of action and filled the building with steam.

For the rest of the country, it was another dull, cold and wet day. After overnight rain, today will continue blustery with heavy showers and intermittent periods of sunshine.

Matches started promptly at Wimbledon yesterday but rain interupted play at 4.20pm for 90 minutes and again at 6.20pm. Because of the disruption play will begin today at 11am on all but centre and number one courts, where games will commence at 1pm. The 11am start is the earliest in the tournament's history for the singles championships.

The London weather centre said yesterday that temperatures in most parts of Britain are running 2C below normal. The South has had 70 per cent more than its normal quota of rain for the month so far, with more rain forecast until Friday.

In spite of the downpour, the Mid-Kent Water Company began moves yesterday to extend its drought order, which has been in force since last August. The company says that water use will have to be restricted for a further six months.

Hosepipe bans remain in parts of the South and East, while north London, Hertfordshire and parts of Berkshire and Surrey are still facing their worst water shortage for 250 years.

In Scotland more than 100 drivers were stranded at a pass on the A83 through the west Highlands, after rain prevented tar from a newly-laid from setting, clogging car tyres.

The rain has also caused a major financial headache for insurance companies. Outdoor events throughout the country have been washed out or driven into loss, and companies who offer cover against inclement weather have been forced to pay out hundreds of thousands of pounds.

John Lear, who manages Eagle Star's Pluvius rain insurance policy, said: "This could be our worst year in 70 years of offering weather insurance. Each June weekend so far has cost us about £100,000."

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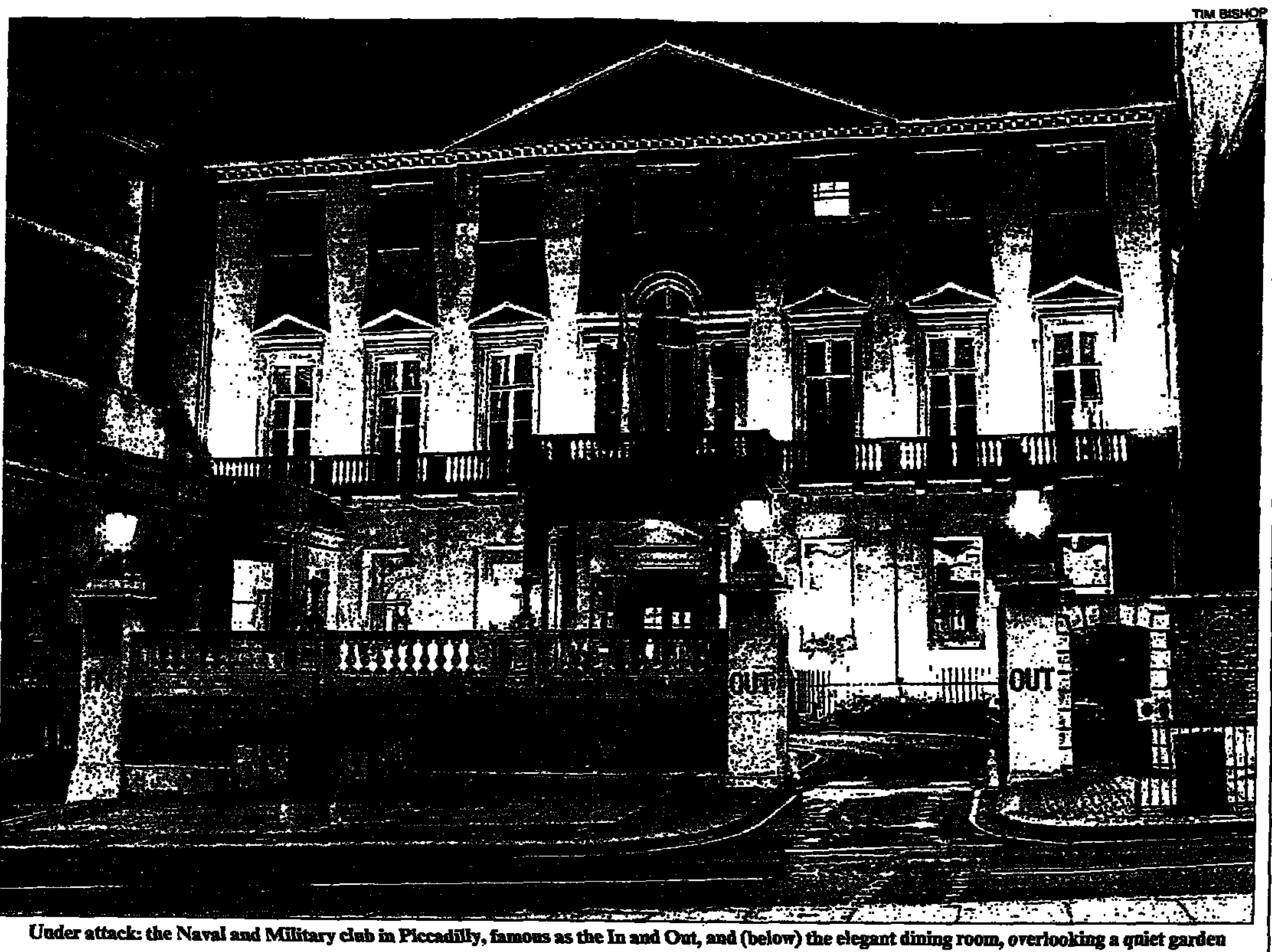
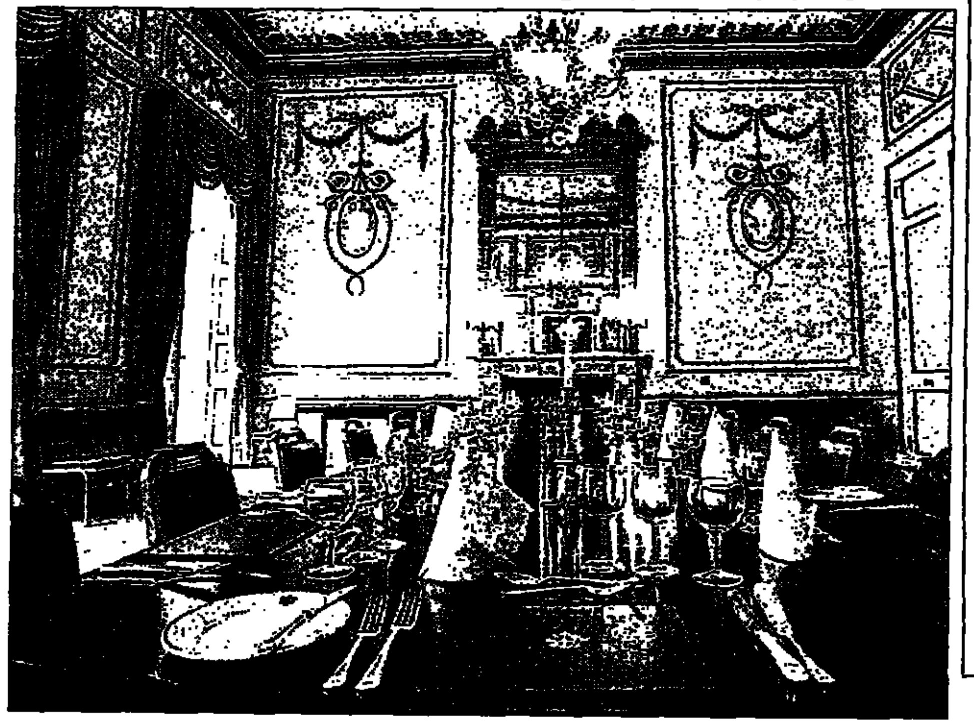
TIM BISHOP



Under attack: the Naval and Military club in Piccadilly, famous as the In and Out, and (below) the elegant dining room, overlooking a quiet garden



Hotel plans put club in danger

By Marcus Binney

A FIERCE planning battle is looming over the future of the Naval and Military Club in Piccadilly, better known as the "In and Out". The Kuwaiti owners, the Al Marzook family, have drawn up proposals to convert the club, built in 1756 as the town house of Lord Egremont and later Lord Palmerston, into a luxury 110-bedroom hotel. Their architect is John Simpson, one of the eight architects involved in the Paternoster scheme north of St Paul's. The plans include a substantial new block behind the club's large and elegant dining room which overlooks a quiet garden.

The owners will need to obtain planning permission for change of use and consent for alteration to a grade one listed building and are likely to meet strong resistance from the Georgian Group and English Heritage.

Westminster Council will also be concerned about long views of the club's handsome front from across Green Park as it has recently been discovered that the air conditioning units of a new development in Marylebone Lane are visible above the fine 18th century facade of the Oriental Club in Stratford Place.

Recent years have seen the loss of a steady stream of traditional London clubs through closures and amalgamations. The Guards Club, the United Services Club, the St James's Club, the Devonshire Club and the Bath Club have all vacated handsome premises.

Yet London clubs constitute the most important group of traditionally furnished historic interiors in the capital especially since many City livery halls were destroyed by bombing and most of the major aristocratic town houses had been lost to redevelopment, notably Chesterfield House, Devonshire House, Grosvenor House, Londonderry House, Norfolk House and Northumberland House.

The In and Out has been at 94 Piccadilly since Palmerston's death in 1865 but its lease expires in 1995. The club, with a flourishing 5,000 membership, is keen to remain.

MPs to get free trips to Europe

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John MacGregor, leader of the Commons, after lengthy negotiations with opposition parties. The proposals will go before the Commons services committee for approval next month and will bring to an end a long-running battle between Westminster MPs and MEPs who are to be given greater access to the facilities at Westminster. MEPs have long complained they are treated as second-class citizens at Westminster where they have had to queue with the public to listen to Commons debates and have been barred from the best Commons restaurants. Now they will have reserved seats in the front two rows of the public gallery and tables in the dining rooms.

Lord Bethell, a Tory Euro MP, says: "For the first 10 years we were not even allowed a pass to enter the Palace of Westminster. It was a political decision to keep down the new boys from Strasbourg."

Political sketch

Bottom of the Commons class

WHAT is it about questions to the education secretary which attracts the remedials? You would expect the class swots to show off, but no: it is the politically sub-normal who seem drawn, like backbench moths to the flame, to burn their wings at the dispatch box porch lamp.

None would put Dr Sir Rhodes Boyson (C, Brent N) in this category: but no bristling of this ex-headmaster's mutton-chops could conceal the logical flaw in his question. Our Manchester BA (hons) and LSE PhD deplores the influence wielded by teachers who do not teach. He wanted to know why a majority of "every committee set up regarding the curriculum" was not composed of those currently teaching. Well, Rhodes, stay on after class, and let's take this through carefully, step by step . . .

Next came Sir Bernard Braine (C, Castle Point), whose question was about the need for "more speech therapists" among today's young people. Sir Bernard (77), who is not among today's young people, struggled to articulate his feelings, with wild arm-waves and desperate hand-gestures. Perhaps he was offering a graphic illustration of young people's problems?

We hesitate, then, to fail Sir Rhodes at GCSE logic, or Sir Bernard at elocution. But how can we pass David Shaw (C, Dover) at history? "Under Labour," he told us, "there was no effective monitoring in schools". Mr Shaw, who is one of those young Tories who until last November had never made love under anyone but Mrs Thatcher, can hardly be expected to remember that not only did HM inspectorate monitor schools continuously, "under Labour," but their reports, under Labour, formed the basis of most of Tory criticism of schools policy.

Alan Amos (C, Hexham) rose, dried up, and fails GCSE drama. Ronnie Campbell (Lab, Blyth Valley) fails arithmetic. His education authority, he said, had accumulated a "repairs backlog of £10,000,000,000". A growl of disbelief grew from all sides.

"Sorry, £10,000,000". Better, Ronnie.

Finally, Gerald Howarth (C, Cannock & Burntwood) fails grammar. "Would the education secretary not agree with me with the apostrophe being subjected to the most intolerable abuse . . . the biggest favour we can do children is to give them a thorough knowledge of the structure and grammar of the wonderful English language".

Gerald, look carefully at that sentence. It contains one redundant and one abused preposition and, potentially, a missing apostrophe. 'Would he agree that the apostrophe is subjected' is best. Otherwise 'would he agree with the apostrophe's being subjected' is intelligible, if crude. For ten points, distinguish, if you can, between the 'structure' and 'grammar' of the wonderful English language. If you can't, then define 'tedious repetition'.

PM's questions found another preposition in distress, though its distress was as nothing compared to that of Roy Hattersley, standing in for Neil Kinnock to test whether we could tell full cream butter from Stork. He asked a straight question (did Major approve of an 88 per cent salary increase?), got a straight answer ("no") and floundered, seeming to ask how it was possible to disapprove of something without banning it.

Then, asked when the promised recovery would begin, the PM said "In the second half of the year".

An odd little preposition, 'in'. Two possible meanings. According to one, the recovery may be the other side of Christmas. Otherwise, Major has five days.

MATTHEW PARRIS

TOMORROW: CAREER MOVES

An expanded appointments section focuses on Directions, Britain's largest careers and higher education fair, which opens at Olympia tomorrow sponsored by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. The 200 exhibitors range from universities (including Continental ones) and polytechnics to large corporations, such as the BBC and Safeway. David Tytler explains the options on offer

Plus: Polluted water is back in the news but some solvents found in Britain's water supply got there more than 20 years ago. Nigel Hawkes delves deep below Hampshire

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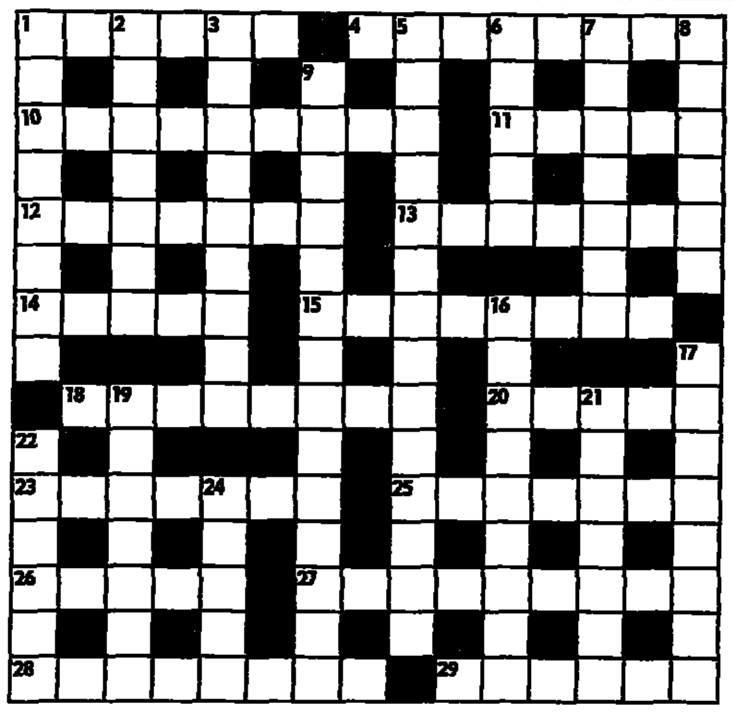


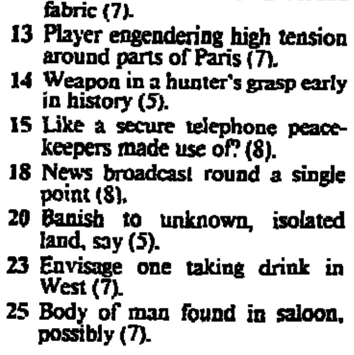
ACROSS

1 Explosive concoction produced by a descendant of Abraham (6).
4 Take away and digest (8).
10 Up to that time nearly thirty comprehended the cipher (9).
11 A hint of allure about the Orient (5).
12 8's unusual name for a corded fabric (7).
13 Player engendering high tension around parts of Paris (7).
14 Weapon in a hunter's grasp early in history (5).
15 Like a secure telephone peacekeepers made use of? (8).
18 News broadcast round a single point (8).
20 Banish to unknown, isolated land, say (5).
23 Envisage one taking drink in West (7).
25 Body of man found in saloon, possibly (7).
26 Increase scope of a study on the Women's Institute (5).
27 Get in lane, following diversion to the plant (9).
28 Treatment to hand for fellow that's torn apart by dog (8).
29 The smouldering remains of love evident in divorced politicians (6).

DOWN

1 You once wore stockings in the conservatory! (8).
2 Show anger at the way many cut into the cheese (7).
3 The variety of maple here is short-lived (9).
5 Fluctuate like the simoom and mistral respectively? (4,3,3,4).
6 Creature making a row about midnight (5).
7 Fish and strong drink provided by one's mate (7).
8 A motto for cooking fruit (6).
9 Follow behind telephone engineers entering the pub? (5,2,3,4).
16 Bogus corporal's alias (9).
17 Unique new spectacles help us do so (8).
19 Native African extremists died in a gun scuffle (7).
21 Popular choice in list of services (7).
22 Judge has stomach upset in primitive hut (6).
24 Greek dialect making use of particles (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,641



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SHIRALEE
a. A water meadow
b. A type of square dance
c. A swagman's bundle

KAKI
a. A childish mess
b. An Australian parrot
c. The Japanese persimmon

PERNANCY
a. Very gay
b. Type of French lace
c. Receiving

STROUD
a. A Gloucestershire cheese
b. A blanket for Amerindians
c. To patch

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

Many places will have showers, the heaviest of which are likely over Northern Ireland, northern and western parts of England and Wales, and southern Scotland. There may also be some thunder. Northern Scotland will start wet then brighten up. Southern England may have a few showers and some sunshine. Temperatures will be low and most places will be breezy. Outlook: remaining cool and showery.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Majorca	28	82	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malta	29	84	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Miami*	28	82	f
Athens	30	86	s	Milan	29	84	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Montreal*	25	77	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Moscow	29	84	s
Barcelna	25	77	s	Munich	23	73	f
Berlin	21	70	f	Nairobi	22	72	c
Bermuda*	29	84	s	Naples	26	79	s
Biarritz	20	68	c	N Delhi	38	100	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	N York*	25	77	f
Brussels	20	68	c	Nice	23	73	c
Budapst	25	77	f	Oslo	19	66	s
B Aires*	15	59	s	Paris	21	70	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Peking	16	61	t
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Perth	18	64	s
Chicago*	27	81	s	Prague	18	64	r
Ch'church	5	41	r	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Cologne	19	66	c	Rhodes	30	86	s
C'phagn	15	59	c	Rio de J	23	73	c
Corfu	28	82	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Rome	25	77	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	s	Salzburg	22	72	t
Faro	31	88	s	S F'risco*	13	55	c
Florence	30	86	s	S Paulo*	15	59	r
Frankfurt	22	72	c	Seoul	29	84	f
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	32	90	s
Geneva	28	82	s	St'kholm	18	64	t
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	c
Helsinki	17	63	r	Sydney	20	68	s
Hong K	27	81	f	Tangier	32	90	s
Innsbrck	27	81	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	25	77	s	Tenerife	28	82	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	28	82	f
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Toronto*	24	75	s
Karachi	31	88	c	Tunis	30	86	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	31	88	s
Le Tquet	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	17	63	t
Lisbon	26	79	s	Venice	29	84	s
Locarno	29	84	s	Vienna	19	66	c
London	18	64	c	Warsaw	16	61	c
L Angels*	18	64	c	Wash'ton*	26	79	f
Luxembg	20	68	c	Well'nton	7	45	r
Madrid	34	93	s	Zurich	25	77	f

* denotes figures are latest available

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Belgium Fr	63.10	59.10
Canada $	1.97	1.82
Denmark Kr	11.82	11.07
Finland Mkk	7.34	6.89
France Fr	10.33	9.68
Germany Dm	3.055	2.855
Greece Dr	331.00	311.00
Hong Kong $	13.25	12.25
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.07
Italy Lira	2265.00	2135.00
Japan Yen	242.50	224.50
Netherlands Gld	3.445	3.225
Norway Kr	11.99	11.19
Portugal Esc	268.00	246.00
South Africa Rd	5.65	5.05
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.38
Switzerland Fr	2.63	2.46
Turkey Lira	7500.00	6700.00
USA $	1.72	1.60
Yugoslavia Dnr	53.00	35.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.48 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.4	-	15	59	drizzle
Belfast	3.5	-	19	66	sunny
Birmingham	3.5	.13	16	61	rain
Blackpool	0.8	.02	19	66	cloudy
Bristol	-	.33	15	59	rain
Buxton	7.1	-	17	63	bright
Cardiff	-	.30	15	59	rain
Colwyn Bay	2.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Douglas	1.6	.02	13	55	cloudy
Edinburgh	5.0	01	16	61	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	2.3	-	17	63	drizzle
Glasgow	6.4	-	21	70	bright
Guernsey	-	.01	18	64	dull
Ilfracombe	X	.24	17	63	rain
Jersey	-	.07	17	63	rain
Kinloss	4.9	-	16	61	sunny
Leeds	2.6	-	20	68	bright
Lerwick	2.0	-	12	54	cloudy
London	-	.23	15	59	rain
Lowestoft	1.7	.37	16	61	rain
Manchester	3.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Minehead	0.4	.17	18	64	rain
Morecambe	2.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Newcastle	X	-	18	64	sunny
Newquay	-	.03	17	63	drizzle
Nottingham	5.0	.02	17	63	rain
Penzance	-	.08	16	61	drizzle
Scarborough	9.9	.07	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	.05	15	59	drizzle
Stornoway	14.2	-	13	56	sunny
Teignmouth	-	.11	16	61	rain
Tenby	3.0	.72	14	57	rain
Tiree	12.3	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	-	.10	16	61	drizzle
Weymouth	-	.17	14	57	rain
Wick	10.6	-	13	55	sunny

These are Monday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity 6pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.15 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.1 millibars, steady.
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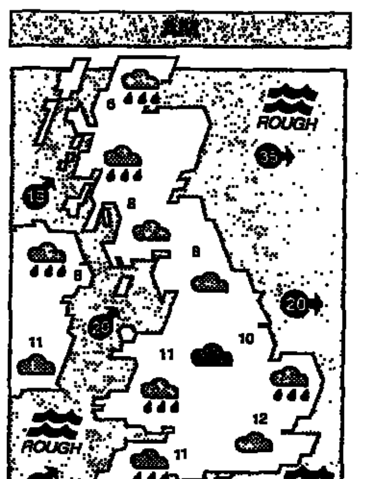

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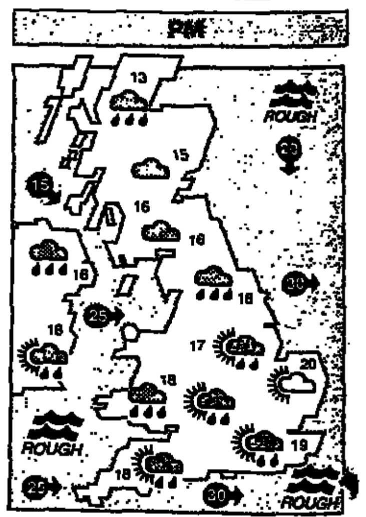

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'rmghem	18	64	c	Inverness	14	57	r
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	19	66	c
Bristol	16	61	r	London	18	64	c
Cardiff	15	59	d	M'nchster	18	64	c
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	17	63	r
Glasgow	15	59	r	R'nldsway	14	57	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Leeming, North Yorkshire, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetland, 12C (54F): highest rainfall: Folkestone, Kent, 1.33 in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Hebrides, 14.2 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.22 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.31 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 10.03 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester 9.42 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.36 pm to 4.14 am

Sun rises: 4.45 am
Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon sets 3.46 am
Moon rises 9.15 pm

Full moon tomorrow

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.32 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.13	6.4	2.30	6.5
Aberdeen	1.34	3.8	2.03	3.7
Avonmouth	7.38	11.5	7.59	11.9
Belfast	11.31	3.1	11.48	3.3
Cardiff	7.23	10.7	7.44	11.0
Devonport	6.00	4.9	6.22	5.1
Dover	11.38	6.0	11.58	6.0
Falmouth	5.30	4.7	5.52	4.8
Glasgow	1.07	4.2	1.28	4.0
Harwich	12.05	3.6	12.23	3.6
Holyhead	10.56	4.8	11.07	5.2
Hull	6.44	6.6	7.14	6.5
Ilfracombe	6.22	8.0	6.42	8.3
King's Lynn	6.48	5.8	7.17	5.7
Leith	2.49	5.0	3.24	5.0

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	11.45	8.3		
Lowestoft	9.58	2.3	10.35	2.1
Margate	12.16	4.3	12.26	4.4
Milford Haven	6.37	6.0	6.57	6.3
Newquay	5.28	6.1	5.48	6.3
Oban	6.12	3.3	6.35	3.5
Penzance	4.59	4.9	6.20	5.2
Portland	7.16	1.6	7.47	1.8
Portsmouth	-		12.04	4.3
Shoreham	11.47	5.5	11.56	5.7
Southampton	11.32	4.1	11.33	4.1
Swansea	6.43	8.3	7.03	8.6
Tees	3.54	4.9	4.22	4.8
W'lton-on-Nze	12.01	3.7	12.19	3.8

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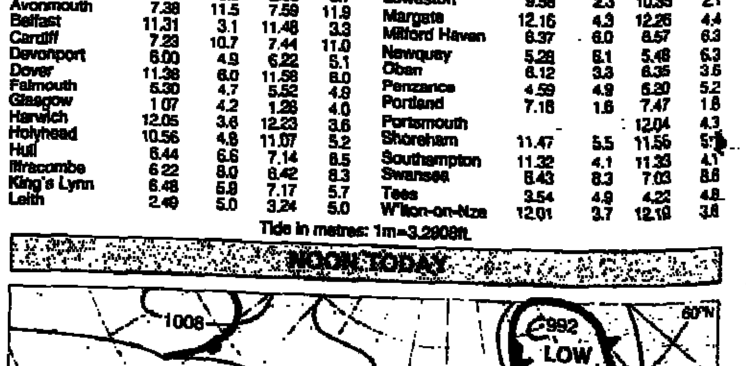

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THE TIMES
BUSINESS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

Wells Fargo shares halted

WELLS Fargo, America's seventh largest bank valued at $4.14 billion, stunned Wall Street by announcing bad debts have climbed to $1 billion. Trading in the shares was halted as the news emerged. There were indications the shares would fall from $80 to $75. They have traded at almost $100 in the past year (Philip Robinson writes).

Half the $1 billion of bad loans are to troubled debt-financed management buy-outs and property developers.

As a result, the bank's profits for the second quarter will plunge from $232.4 million to $15 million dragging first-half net earnings down from $392.2 million to $165 million.

Analysts are expected to sharply downgrade full-year figures. They had expected a 10 per cent fall in profits this year to $617 million, or $12 a share. But Wells Fargo has so far earned only $3 a share in six months.

Last October, the bank's shares were hit by a wave of short sellers betting that its property and corporate loans would soar and the price would plunge. Instead the price jumped 70 per cent.

Morland issue

Morland & Co, the brewer, is raising £10.8 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 265p a share. The proceeds will help finance the £16.4 million purchase of 101 Thames Valley pubs from Courage. Whitbread Investment, owner of 43.6 per cent of Morland shares, is taking up its entitlement.

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Building suffers

Britain's building sector is suffering its worst recession since 1945, with the ratio of work completed to new orders running at five-to-one, the Building Employers Confederation's national contractors group said.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6295 (–0.0140)
German mark
2 9282 (–0.0046)
Exchange index
89.6 (–0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1921.6 (+0.5)
FT-SE 100
2461.2 (+2.9)
New York Dow Jones
2912.12 (–0.89)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23907.42 (+141.96)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
DC Gardner	79p (+25p)
Blick	233½p (+7p)
Misys	164p (+15p)
Davy	80p (+18p)
RHM	268½p (+7p)
Hawker Siddeley	569p (+11p)
Reuters	785p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Rank Org	649p (–16p)
Thomson Corp	805p (–10p)
Lep	79½p (–12p)
Beazer	116½p (–28½p)
Costain	152p (–15p)
Morland	310p (–10p)
JA Devenish	187½p (–9p)
News Corp	370p (–14p)
ASW	231½p (–8p)
ADT	687½p (–15p)
Boots	367½p (–9p)
Chemring	570p (–10p)
IMI	230½p (–10p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 11½%
3-month Interbank 11 9/16-11 7/16%
3-month eligible bills 10 13/16-10 3/4%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5 7/8%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5 57-5 56%*
30 year bonds 95 21/32-95 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1 6295	£ $1 6275*
£ DM2.9282	$. DM1 7985*
£ SwFr2 5282	$. SwFr1 5530*
£ FFr9 9441	$. FFr6 1045*
£ Yen225 93	$. Yen138 80*
£. Index 89 6	$ Index 67 8
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GOLD

London Fixing:
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New York:
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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jul) ...... $18.10 bbl ($18.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133 5 May (1987 - 100)

Addition of liner to Cunard fleet could cost shipping group $200 million

Trafalgar calls for £310m to fund Davy deal

By Matthew Bond

TRAFALGAR House, the shipping and property conglomerate, is raising £310 million through a one-for-three rights issue, mainly to buy and refinance Davy Corporation, the loss-making engineering group.

Trafalgar also plans to buy a cruise liner to add to its Cunard fleet, which already includes the QEII.

Sir Eric Parker, chief executive of Trafalgar, was reluctant to expand on the plans to buy a liner, although he did indicate that such a vessel could cost the company about $200 million.

But he was more forthcoming about the conditional deal to acquire Davy, which announced five days ago that losses on one oil rig contract meant it was unable to continue trading in its current form. He said: "It is a marvellous deal. The combination of Trafalgar House's and Davy's engineering and construction activities will create one of the largest businesses of its kind in the world."

His comments were echoed by Sir Alistair Frame, chairman of Davy, whose board is recommending the deal. He said: "The merger of Trafalgar House and Davy is undoubtedly in the best interests of our shareholders, employees and customers."

The stock market, however, was less enthusiastic. Trafalgar shares fell 32p to 211p, for a two-day fall of 43p. At that level, Trafalgar's shares stand 27p below a theoretical ex-rights price calculated before the rights issue rumours hit the share price. The new shares will be issued at 190p.

There was a consensus that Trafalgar had deliberately raised more than it needed to buy Davy. The full offer values Davy at £114 million, although Trafalgar said that Davy will require a further £200 million of additional finance over the next two years.

There was also criticism that, for the next two years, the new shares — to be classed as A shares — will receive dividends in scrip form, which mitigates Trafalgar's growing problem with unrelieved advanced corporation tax.

The issue was still fully sub-underwritten by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. Kleinwort replaced Cazenove, Trafalgar's own broker, which had a conflict of interest through its relationship with Spie Batignolles, the French group that has a 15 per cent stake in Davy.

Davy's problems stem from its contract to convert a semi-submersible drilling rig into an oil production platform for the North Sea's Emerald field. By the time work is completed in the autumn, the cost could approach £250 million, compared with the £127 million fixed contract price.

Sir Eric said Trafalgar was still not convinced that the losses associated with the Emerald platform were at an end. For that reason, Trafalgar's 95p a share cash offer to Davy shareholders will come in two parts, 50p immediately and a further 45p once an initial payment of £88 million for the platform is received. The bid is also conditional on all litigation relating to the rig contract being dropped.

Until last Thursday's announcement of £86.1 million total losses, Davy's shares traded at more than 100p. In the wake of Thursday's figures, they dropped as low as 51p. Sir Eric said that although Trafalgar and its advisers had been working on a full bid for Davy for about six weeks, the price had not been agreed until Sunday. "I would not negotiate with them until the seriousness of Davy's situation came into the public domain." He said Trafalgar had been interested in Davy since 1982, but had never been able to agree a price.

Assuming Trafalgar's bid is successful, Davy will retain its identity within Trafalgar's construction and engineering division.

Its process plant operations will complement Trafalgar's John Brown subsidiary, while Monk, Davy's general contractor, will operate alongside Cementation and Trollope & Colls. Sir Eric said the division could have an overall turnover approaching £4 billion.

If the bid is successful and the rights issue is approved by Trafalgar's shareholders, the company's gearing will drop from 55 per cent to about 45 per cent.

If a third party makes a successful bid for Davy, however, and Trafalgar is left with its rights issue proceeds, gearing would drop to less than 20 per cent.

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TIM BISHOP

"Marvellous deal": Sir Eric Parker at the Ritz, London, after announcing the planned Davy merger yesterday

Beazer falls on warning

By Michael Tate, City Editor

SHARES in Beazer, the debt-laden construction group, plunged 30p to 116½p last night as Brian Beazer, the chairman, issued a profits warning and a thinly veiled hint of a big dividend cut.

The grim tidings accompanied confirmation that Beazer is to sell its entire European operations, including the British housebuilding business on which the group was founded.

Beazer Europe will be renamed CH Beazer (Holdings), operating under an independent board, and will be sold through a public offer about the end of September. Market sources believe the group would aim to raise between £400 million and £500 million, which will be used to reduce Beazer's huge debts.

Mr Beazer indicated that group borrowings have swollen from less than £800 million to about £1 billion in recent months, indicating a net gearing level of 94 per cent, in the wake of lower than expected trading in the second half and the big swing in the dollar since February. Virtually all of Beazer's debt is dollar-denominated, the bulk of it relating to the group's $1.8 billion purchase of Koppers in 1988.

Mr Beazer denied that the sale was being conducted under pressure from creditors, but the announcement came after a lengthy meeting with the group's bankers at which the board was seeking a complete overhaul of its debt structure.

The statement said that Beazer profits for the year ending June 30 would be "close to the lower end of analysts' current expectations." This suggests a pre-tax outcome of about £65 million.

Mr Beazer added that the group was to "re-examine its dividend policy" in respect of the current year, and that after the flotation the intention was to establish a dividend policy and payout ratio more in line with other American building materials group. Analysts said this could mean that the Beazer dividend, 7.75p last year, could be halved.

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Trainees lose jobs at PW

By Our Banking Correspondent

PRICE Waterhouse has made 180 of its accountants redundant, including some who are less than four weeks away from their final professional exams.

The accountancy firm has cut the jobs in its audit and business advisory services in Britain, even though it is gaining market share and is planning to recruit more than 600 graduates this autumn. The firm blamed the job losses on a fall in the rate of departures among newly qualified acountants.

Price summoned the accountants to its offices by courier yesterday morning. Some were on their way to final revision classes for their exams. Price has offered to pay for any resits if the trainees fail their exams next month.

Most of the accountants were shocked to hear the news since they had been assured by partners that there would be no job cuts. "My exams are four weeks away," said one tearful final year trainee who lost her job. "I will do my best but this makes things difficult."

Price joins a growing list of accountancy firms that have shed jobs, since audit fees have come under pressure by companies looking to cut costs.

Business magazine folds after five years

By Jon Ashworth

THE flagship of the monthly financial press, *Business* magazine, is to close after five loss-making years. Owned jointly by Conde Nast publications and Financial Times publications, the journal has become the latest victim of a recession that has claimed several titles and cut advertising income.

David Palmer, chief executive of the *Financial Times*, said *Business* had never come close to making a profit since its launch in February 1986. He said advertising revenue had slumped 20 per cent this year, prompting the decision to close the magazine.

Mr Palmer said: "About 18 months ago we thought we could see the light at the end of the tunnel. Then the recession took hold and the tunnel got extremely long again. The magazine was not yet anywhere near breakeven."

Business, founded by Kevin Kelly, the Irish entrepeneur publisher, and later sold to the publishing groups, is believed to have run up operating losses of £1 million last year. Total losses to the FT and Conde Nast are estimated at £6 million.

Mr Palmer and Daniel Salem, chairman of Conde Nast, told staff at the magazine's offices in the King's Road, Chelsea, yesterday afternoon that all 26 employees are to lose their jobs.

Christopher Parkes, appointed editor 18 months ago, and a former FT journalist, said he had been given two years to turn the magazine around. "We set ourselves targets and in six months were hitting all of them," Mr Parkes said. "Then in September 1990 the roof fell in. The advertising has knocked us flat."

Business had a confirmed circulation of 47,000 readers, mainly in the AB groups.

EC excise implications worry Scotch producers

By Derek Harris

WORRIED whisky makers, from the malt distillers of the Highlands to the grain users in southern Scotland, remain "profoundly concerned" about likely EC decisions on excise tax levels for spirits.

This is despite an eleventh-hour reprieve won by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in the Luxembourg talks on tax harmonisation in the Community, in which a decision on excise duties was postponed, probably until the autumn.

The Scotch Whisky Association welcomes the delay, but a spokesman said: "We remain profoundly concerned at what might still happen to Scotch exports."

The industry fears that the Treasury is prepared to accept excise duty rates that will penalise Scotch distillers. The basic Community plan is to have a zero rate for wine in the EC with a minimum rate for spirits that could be expected to raise prices in some key markets with low duty rates, mostly the southern states of the Community. Price escalation will mean a drop in sales, the Scotch distillers fear.

Mr Lamont, who met Scotch Whisky Association leaders just before leaving for the Luxembourg talks, argued at the EC meeting against any proposals that would worsen the position of the Scotch distillers. The 12 Community ministers also postponed an agreement over zero-rating wine because of fears of fraud resulting.

Another difficulty facing the Community is how to curb excessive movements of spirits from lower-excise states to those with higher rates. The Scotch producers are worried that their products, exported to a lower-rate state, could then be reimported into Britain.

This could be considerable if personal consumption allowances are slackened or if the price gaps created by the different national rates cause smuggling.

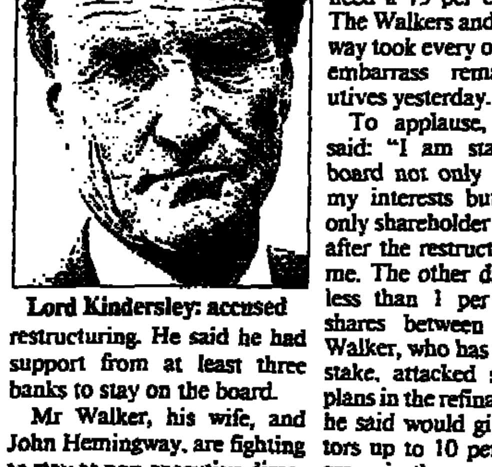
Scotch producers say £622 million is at risk in the excise controversy, representing a third of the industry's exports. France is the second-largest international market for Scotch, worth £200 million in sales a year.

George Walker fights his corner

By Neil Bennett

THE rift in Brent Walker's boardroom was as wide as the Cafe Royal platform at a shareholders' meeting in London yesterday, when George Walker, the former chief executive and founder, accused Lord Kindersley, the chairman, of conspiring to sack him and appealed to shareholders not to vote him off the board.

Mr Walker clashed repeatedly with Lord Kindersley in front of shareholders at the meeting at the Cafe Royal, called to agree an increase in the debt-loaded group's borrowing powers. He earlier handed shareholders a letter asking for their support.



Lord Kindersley: accused

Mr Walker denied his removal was a condition from the banks' for their agreement to Brent's £1.4 billion restructuring. He said he had support from at least three banks to stay on the board.

Mr Walker, his wife, and John Hemingway, are fighting to stay as non-executive directors, after losing their executive roles this month. Brent's executives have called an extraordinary meeting for next week to have the three voted out of the company, and need a 75 per cent majority. The Walkers and Mr Hemingway took every opportunity to embarrass remaining executives yesterday.

To applause, Mr Walker said: "I am staying on the board not only to look after my interests but yours. The only shareholder on the board after the restructuring will be me. The other directors have less than 1 per cent of the shares between them." Mr Walker, who has a 27 per cent stake, attacked share option plans in the refinancing, which he said would give the directors up to 10 per cent of the group in the next five years.

Lord Kindersley insisted that Mr Walker's removal was a condition of the restructuring. He said: "The banks have made it such a cardinal point that there is no reason for them to go back on it."

Mr Walker later said that Lord Kindersley had instigated his removal as chief executive by telling the banks he would resign unless Mr Walker left. He said: "The chairman has never felt comfortable with my large shareholding."

Lord Kindersley said he had told the banks that the business plan was not feasible unless Mr Walker resigned.

Brent is reaching a critical stage in its refinancing, which will save it from administration or receivership. The company hopes to have the agreement of its 47 banks by the end of the week.

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Recession depresses DTC 56%

PRE-TAX profits at Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the property agent, fell 56 per cent to £4.1 million in the year to end-April, due to the commercial property market slump.

DTC has cut its final dividend to 3.6p (5.3p) for a total of 6p (7.7p). Richard Lay, the chairman, said staff numbers had been cut by 83 to 670 in the period, and had fallen further since the year end. The decline was the company's first since flotation in 1987.

Expedier warns

Shares in Expedier Leisure fell from 30p to 24p after the corporate hospitality company gave warning of a £1 million loss for the six months to end-June because of a downturn in trading in April and May. In the first half of the previous financial year, taxable profits were £584,000.

USH link-up

United Scientific Holdings is selling a 15 per cent holding in Sopelem, a producer of military electro-optical equipment to Société de Fabrication d'Instruments de Mesure, of France. USH and SFIM will collaborate on projects including the Challenger 2 tank for the defence ministry.

Resources win

Great Western Resources, the natural resources company, has won a temporary restraining order preventing South Carolina Public Service Authority of America from withholding further payments due to a subsidiary, Great Western Coal, while legal action continues.

Westport loss

Westport Group has passed its dividend (0.6p) after suffering a pre-tax loss of £1.08 million (£2.06 million profit) in the year to end-April. Turnover fell to £18.2 million (£18.8 million). There is a 0.7p loss (1.3p earning) per share.

Nylex clearance

Australia's trade practices commission has conditionally cleared the planned takeover of Smorgon Consolidated Industries' glass containers division by BTR Nylex.

Trust bid lapses

A hostile takeover bid by Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust for the rival Lancashire & London Investment Trust has lapsed.

National Power generates £479m profit

By Martin Waller

NATIONAL Power, whose chief executive, John Baker, is the latest head of a privatised business to prompt arguments over his salary, easily beat the financial forecasts it gave at the time of the flotation earlier this year.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-March came in at £479 million, against a forecast of £465 million. The pro forma figure, worked out on the assumption that the group's capital structure, including £480 million of debt injected by the government in January, had been in place all year, was £434 million, against a forecast £420 million. Pro forma earnings per share were 23.54p. National Power is paying a 5.5p dividend, fractionally ahead of the promised 5.49p.

There are 1.1 million shareholders, against 1.6 million at the time of the flotation, National Power said yesterday.

Mr Baker said the programme of cost reductions had continued, with 2,900 megawatts of redundant and least-valuable plant identified for closure. He said: "Further plant closures can be anticipated." Manpower had fallen 1,760 in the past year, and over the next 18 months corporate overheads would be at least halved.

Brian Birkenhead, the finance director, gave a warning that the low price of electricity in the "pool", the competitive market created with the industry's privatisation, could threaten future investment in the industry. He said: "Currently, pool prices include virtually nothing for capacity and even energy prices are being depressed by the large take or pay contracts with British Coal."

National Power had for the first time entered a consortium to explore for North Sea gas, providing a bid which had been successful in the 12th round of licensing.

As a result of successful negotiations with the 12 electricity distributors in England and Wales, and large electricity users, about 97 per cent of output was the subject of contracts for the current year.

Electricity demand was relatively stagnant in the the first few months of this financial year, but was having no major impact on the business. Mr Baker said trading to date had been satisfactory.

The first figures from National Power show that the privatisation process had cost £47 million: £29 million from the offer for sale and another £18 million from other costs.

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Flextech launches £6m issue

By Gillian Bowditch

FLEXTECH, the Unlisted Securities Market oil and communications group, has launched a £6.8 million rights issue to help fund the expansion of its oil and media businesses.

The group is forecasting pre-tax profits for the year to end March of £6.1 million (£4.95 million) and a dividend of 1.5p, a 50 per cent increase.

Flextech, which is part of the C3W consortium bidding for the television franchise operated by HTV, is issuing 7.07 million new shares in a two-for-seven issue at 100p. The results for the year to end-March will show a provision of £400,000 for the cost of the franchise application.

The group intends to use the money to increase its investments in Starstream, which trades as the Children's Channel and broadcasts programmes to the under-15s.

Flextech is also acquiring the outstanding 16 per cent stake in Expro, the oil exploration and production services company in which it already has a controlling stake, for £2.5 million of which £1.25 million will be paid for in cash.

Water chief attacks regulator

Criticising the critic: William Courtney, the chairman of Southern Water

Southern payout up 17.8%

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

WILLIAM Courtney, the chairman of Southern Water, has criticised Ian Byatt, the director general of water services, for issuing too many damaging public pronouncements. Mr Byatt has issued 56 public letters to managing directors and 34 general letters to finance directors.

Mr Courtney said: "I am concerned with the volume of announcements from Ofwat and the uncertainty and volatility they lead to in the marketplace." He also complained that the regulator was costing Southern and its customers £1.25 million a year and asking for ever more complex information.

Mr Courtney made his remarks after announcing a 17.8 per cent rise in dividend to 17.7p from earnings of 53.4p per share for the year to end-March.

Mr Byatt has told finance directors he will comment on their profits and dividends before the end of the month.

Southern's pre-tax profits rose by an effective 15.5 per cent to £97.1 million. The volume of metered water sales fell about 2.5 per cent. Revenue from trade effluent fell 15 per cent.

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The Blue Arrow trial

Frost denies being 'first to lifeboat'

TOM Frost, chief executive of National Westminster Bank, was accused of using his position to be the "first to the lifeboat" in the Blue Arrow affair.

Mr Frost, a prosecution witness, was also said to have lied to a trade department enquiry and attempted to distance himself from Blue Arrow's £837 million rights issue in 1987. The issue was arranged by County NatWest, the bank's merchant bank.

He denied taking an active interest in all the important stages of the transaction and said he was "certainly not involved in any of the detail".

Alun Jones, QC, defending Stephen Clark, County's group finance director, at the Old Bailey, sitting at Chichester Rents, alleged: "In 1988 and 1989, you as captain of the ship made your way first to the lifeboat and used your position to deceive the Department of Trade as to your understanding of this transaction."

Mr Frost, replied: "I refute that entirely."

Mr Jones later referred to a series of documents sent to the chief executive. Counsel said it was reported to the Bank of England that Mr Frost, Charles and Terry Green, the two deputy chief executives, and John Plastow, another NatWest executive, were aware of the transaction. Asked for his view, Mr Frost countered: "It is one of those annoying generalisations. In broad terms we were aware of the risk of the transaction."

Mr Jones: "Are you seeking to distance yourself from this transaction?"

Mr Frost: "I am just trying to tell you how it was."

Counsel added that the witness later told the trade department that apart from the sanctioning meeting of July 30, 1987, he had no "specific recollection" of the Blue Arrow deal until after the market crash. Mr Jones: "In the light of documents I have put to you, I am suggesting you were not telling the truth to the DTI in that statement?"

Mr Frost: "I certainly was telling the truth." He said he "would not dream" of lying to a government enquiry.

County, NatWest Investment Bank, its parent, UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, and seven individuals deny conspiring to dishonestly mislead the market over the outcome of the issue.

The trial continues today.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TI to pay £46m for Dover Corp seal firm

TI GROUP, the industrial holding company, has agreed to pay up to £46 million for the marine seals activities of Dover Corporation, an American industrial manufacturer, including a controlling interest in a Japanese associate.

TI, which earlier this month also announced the acquisition of an American vehicle fuel lines company for £27.4 million, is funding the latest deal from existing cash and borrowing facilities. The agreement with Dover includes a 50.14 per cent shareholding in Dover Japan, a manufacturer of seals for commercial shipping, for Y5.7 billion (£25 million).In 1990 Dover Japan had sales of £14.4 million and earned pre-tax profits of £2.7 million. At December 31, last year, net assets were £10 million.

Granada rights take-up

GRANADA, the television, leisure and business services group, said it has received acceptances in respect of 92,702,019 new ordinary shares, or 77.26 per cent of its £163 million one-for-three rights issue. It said subscribers had been procured for the remaining portion of the rights issue at a premium of ⅜p per share, before expenses, over the 140p subscription price.

Stainless passes payout

STAINLESS Metalcraft, the precision components manufacturer, is again passing payment of an interim dividend but reduced interim pre-tax losses from £256,000 to £195,000 to end-February. The loss per share was 2.5p (3.3p loss). Directors said payment of a final dividend would be reviewed later in the year. Last year the final dividend was maintained at 1p a share.

Jasmine to buy clubs

JASMINE, headed by Warren Tuddenham, former managing director of Pleasurama, is to acquire eight London bingo clubs from Rank Organisation for nearly £10 million. Mr Tuddenham, aged 54, and Leslie Hurst, a former Rank executive, have formed Jasmine. The company has agreed to buy the clubs, which Rank must sell under an agreement with the trade department, after its acquisition of Mecca Leisure.

Mr Tuddenham was managing director of Pleasurama, the casino and bingo club operator, until its acquisition by Mecca in November 1988.

Greenwich write-off

GREENWICH Resources, the gold-mining group, has written off its £11.47 million investment in Egypt and the Gebeit mine in Sudan. The board says it is unlikely that either will produce a return on the investment, so full provision will be made in the accounts for the year to end-March. Greenwich made a pre-tax profit of £86,000 (loss of £819,000) for the year.

Guinness to buy in Spain

GUINNESS is to move further into the Spanish drinks market with a £34 million deal for Union Cervecera, the brewer, subject to Spanish monopolies clearance. The deal will be made at 250 pesetas (£1.30) a share maximum by Cruzcampo, the group's subsidiary. Carlsberg, the Danish brewer that controls Union Cervecera, will emerge with 10 per cent in Cruzcampo.

Halma dips to £13.3m

DIFFICULT trading conditions affecting Halma, the safety, security and environmental control group, led to a 6 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £13.3 million (£14.1 million) in the year to end-March. Group turnover rose to £81.9 million (£78.1 million), with overseas sales ahead 13 per cent to £34.2 million. European sales jumped 30 per cent to £13.8 million.

The final dividend is 1.42p (1.136p), making a total of 2.34p (1.843p). Earnings per share slip to 9.08p (9.74p). The directors are recommending a one-for-three scrip issue. Closure costs resulted in an extraordinary debit of £1.08 million.

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NSM falls on loss in second half

By Our City Staff

THE depression in the construction and property markets and the low price of coal in America, sent NSM, the former Burnett and Hallamshire mining and building products group, into the red in the second half. Pre-tax profits tumbled £26.2 million to £3.77 million in the year.

There is no final dividend, leaving the year's total at the 0.5p paid halfway, against 3.5p for the full year last time. John Jermine, the chief executive appointed earlier this year after the group issued the warning of a second-half loss, said the priority was to reduce the debt mountain.

NSM owes £65 million to its banks and another £30 million in operating leases secured on plant and other assets. Operating profits for the year tumbled from £34.7 million to £12.8 million, while interest payments rose £500,000 to £9.01 million.

The sharpest decline came from the Bison subsidiary, which contributed a £14 million profit the previous year, £5.6 million in the first half of 1990-1 and a £1 million loss in the second half.

The shares edged ahead 1½p to 14p.

Irish sea bridged in biscuit buy

By Gillian Bowditch

IN A demonstration of European business at its best, the French have brought together two sister biscuit companys separated for 70 years by the Irish sea and Anglo-Irish politics. BSN, the French food and drinks group that owns Jacob's Bakery, the British business, has made a Ir£59.2 million (£54.3 million) recommended offer for W & R Jacob, the Dublin group.

The Irish group, founded in 1851, has 50 per cent of the Irish biscuit market and branched out in 1912 to start Jacob's Bakery, a biscuit business outside Liverpool. After the creation of the Irish state in 1922, the two Jacobs companies separated and both subsequently went public. Jacob's Bakery in Britain was bought by BSN in 1989 from Nabisco.

BSN, which already had a 29.6 per cent stake in W & R Jacob, is offering Ir£5 for every ordinary share in the Irish group and Ir£1 for each preference share. The offer represents a premium of 72.4 per cent above Jacob's price of Ir£2.90 on June 24.

Riboud: dairy interests

BSN has two non-executive directors on the W & R Jacob board, Philippe Jaeckin and Christian Laubie. The two groups have had close links for some time and have identified areas of mutual advantage in combining their businesses. Jacob will have access to BSN's management skills and financial resources and BSN will be able to distribute complementary brands through Jacob's network.

These are unlikely to be the last of the group's British acquisitions. Antoine Riboud, the chairman, has expressed an interest in acquiring British dairy products. Prime contenders could be Express Dairies, the Eden Vale and Ski Yoghurt group owned by Grand Metropolitan and Unigate which owns St Ivel.

Bonus buy by Danka costs £2m

By Philip Pangalos

DANKA Business Systems, the Unlisted Securities Market quoted company that distributes, services and installs office equipment in America, is making a £2.06 million payment as a 70 per cent buyout of its chief executive's future bonus entitlement.

In its preliminary results, Danka has made a £2.23 million extraordinary charge, which includes £2.06 million in respect of the partial buyout of Dan Doyle, the chief executive's performance-related bonus entitlement and £175,000 for costs of the introduction of the company's shares to the official list.

Mark Vaughan-Lee, Danka's chairman, said that Mr Doyle would have been entitled to about £2.8 million. Profits have increased from $3 million to $19 million.

The company plans to raise its dividend 25 per cent after pre-tax profits rose 9 per cent to £9.35 million (£8.46 million) in the year to end-March. Danka is seeking a full listing. The group saw turnover rise to £93.8 million (£88.7 million). Earnings per share climb to 23.1p (20.7p). The final dividend is increased to 2p (1.6p), making 3p (2.4p).

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

SIMS FOOD GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £8.22m (£8.07m) EPS: 23.0p (22.5p) Div: 7.61p, mkg 10.25p	Last time's total dividend was 9.83p. Turnover rose to £228m (£168m). There was an extraordinary debit of £249,000. Gearing was 40 per cent.
SOUNDTRACS (Int) Pre-tax: £195,000 EPS: 1.29p (2.44p) Div: 0.85p (0.85p)	Last time's profit was £375,000. Company said that it has had an overwhelming respose and a record order book for its new products.
PLATON INTNL (Fin) Pre-tax: £484,000 Loss LPS: 5.1p (EPS: 5.7p) Div: None	Last time's profit was £408,000. There was an exceptional debit of £410,000. Turnover increased to £6.56m (£5.18m).
AF BULGIN (Fin) Pre-tax: £505,000 Loss LPS: 1.21p (EPS: 0.95p) Div: 0.1p, mkg 0.1p	Last time's profit was £356,000. Last time's total dividend was 0.2p. There was an exceptional charge of £562,000. Turnover was £14.1m.
JONES & SHIPMAN (Fin) Pre-tax: £960,000 Loss LPS: 8.2p (EPS: 10.4p) Div: Nil, mkg 1p (6p)	Comparatives are for 15 months. Last time's profit was £2.07m. Sales dived to £22.4m (£30.9m). Redundancy costs came to £1.01m.
AUKETT ASSOSIATES Pre-tax: £740,000 EPS: 3.42p (4.52p) Div: 1.25p (1.50p)	Interim results. Last time's profit was £947,000. Company said that work done is comparable with 1990 in spite of construction recession.
EFG (Int) Pre-tax: £2.07m Loss LPS: 12.55p (EPS: 2.31p) Div: Nil (1.25p)	Last time's profit was £495,000. Turnover fell to £22.8m (£25.4m). There was an extraordinary debit of £125,000. Interest costs jumped.
MICRELEC (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.85m (£2.10m) EPS: 9.32p (12.07p) Div: 2.8p, mkg 4.15p	Last time's total dividend was 4p. Turnover grew to £20m (£18m). There was a £270,000 interest gain, against last time's £86,000 debit.
NORTHUMBRIAN FINE FD Pre-tax: £263,940 EPS: 0.51p (LPS: 3.03p) Div: 1p, mkg 1.75p	Final results. Last time's loss was £279,173. Last time's total dividend was 1.5p. Turnover rose to £7.89m (£6.91m).
CELTIC GOLD (Fin) Pre-tax: £249,000 Loss LPS: n/a Div: n/a	All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's loss was £92,000. There was an exceptional debit of £245,000.

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Trafalgar crews the Davy lifeboat

Trafalgar House has undertaken a bold move in bidding for the cash strapped Davy Corporation, and the stock market is rattled. Davy is a leader in the process plant and heavy engineering contracting industry. But having wrecked its finances through a single disastrous rig conversion contract lost its credibility and its independence at a stroke. Last week's announcement of huge losses and the sale of almost all its operating assets was a receivership in all but name.

Worse, this is the fourth time in recent years that Davy has run into severe problems. To cap all of this, many Trafalgar House shareholders were expecting the company to be the target for a bid rather than the reverse. There was an air of burnt flesh around the market yesterday.

From the standpoint of Great Britain plc, Trafalgar's bid is welcome. Our process plant contracting business is littered with tales of woe as one by one the leading companies have run into rogue contracts that have brought them close to ruin. Margins in the business have become murderously thin and a single large scale error, an ever present possibility, can wipe out all but the largest and strongest. The likely alternative to Trafalgar was a break-up with either the French group, Spie Batignole (a 15 per cent shareholder in Davy) or the German group Mannesman, cherry picking the best and leaving shareholders with the rest.

Trafalgar has spent the past five or six weeks looking at Davy's troubles, which include the completion of the rig conversion on time and within Trafalgar's new budget, before the end of the year. Neither Mannesman nor Spie Batignole are likely to enthuse about entering the lists as counterbidders for the whole company and assuming liability for the rig conversion.

Trafalgar sees the incorporation of Davy, alongside its own highly successful John Brown subsidiary as a platform for the creation of an engineering and construction services business which can play in the world league. Davy has unique technology which fits far more comfortably inside a group with far bigger resources than ever it could muster on its own.

The rights issue, which it launched to finance the bid, had to be tailored to suit Trafalgar's severe advanced corporation tax problem. It will clearly be a year or two before Davy makes a contribution to domestic earnings and thus begins to solve the ACT difficulty.

Kleinwort Benson has put together a funding which solves the problem. The shares offered to fund the acquisition attract scrip dividends initially. Provided shareholders make no distinction between scrip and cash, Trafalgar's high and solid yield remains intact. The judgment of history will depend on the rig delivery being competed on time and to specification.

The timetable has been slipping, and the North Sea weather window which closes in the autumn, is already uncomfortably close. The price offered by Trafalgar represents by far the most attractive option for Davy's shareholders. But if all the risks have been correctly assessed, Trafalgar will have won a prize asset at a bargain price.

Beazer sells

Beazer's un-bundling marks one more chapter of an ignominious era for British companies buying in America. Soaring stock market values and seemingly bottomless bank overdraft facilities in the late 1980s generated a string of mega-bids by the Brits, many of which have ended in tears.

The Beazer capitulation comes in a week that has seen Martin Sorrell face hostile questioning on WPP's debts as the group continues to flounder in the wake of its purchase of J Walter Thompson, and which sees the interminable Blue Arrow trial, which centres on events following that group's $1 billion plus purchase of Manpower, winding its way through the courts.

Brian Beazer seemed to have been on a treadmill since the day he concluded the purchase of Koppers, the Pittsburgh building materials group.

Early hopes of disposals to recoup some of the outlaid cash were never fully realised, and little impression has been made on the horrendous group debt since the deal was done in 1988. The final straw was the irresistible surge in the dollar this year, which has swept borrowings up from about £770 million in February to a current figure of about £1 billion. And all at a time when recession was strangling the group's profitability.

The hand of the banks can be detected in the decision to float the entire European business at the earliest opportunity. Yesterday's lengthy meeting between Mr Beazer, who only last month lost his deputy chairman and architect of the Koppers deal, John Matthews, and his chief creditors is likely to have been an uncomfortable one.

Whether Beazer can achieve the £500 million it believes Beazer Europe to be worth is open to some scepticism the way the market is at present. Back-of-the-envelope figures suggest that it would do well to achieve 12 times earnings, given that the Beazer association is more likely to prove a hindrance than a help at present. This would indicate a price of nearer £400 million.

Shareholders' interests might well be better served by awaiting some evidence of economic recovery. But the bankers are finally calling the tune at Beazer.

TEMPUS

No problem for National Power in hitting target

LAST year's privatisation of the power industry required the creation of an open market in electricity. It also meant an open market in executives' salaries, a point worth noting amid the furore over John Baker's 58 per cent pay rise.

National Power's first figures as a quoted company offer little that is fresh, given that the prospectus was drawn up only weeks before the March 31 financial year end.

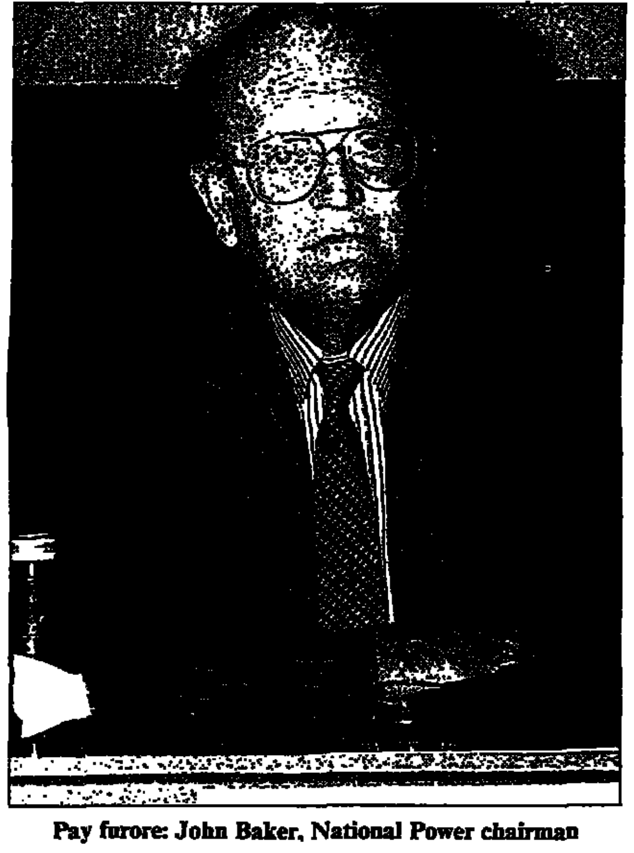
The forecasts were comfortably and inevitably exceeded, more out of corporate *amour propre*, it can be assumed, than because of an unforeseen demand surge from the cold and wet March weather. The dreary summer since is likely to have only a marginal effect, because of the contractual basis upon which almost all the output goes to the electricity distributors; National Power says any beneficial effect has been countered by the economic downturn.

Pre-tax profits were £14 million higher than forecast, at £479 million, while the 5.5p dividend paid is fractionally ahead. The group is proceeding with its restructuring, the key to performance over the next decade, trimming overheads and cutting out uneconomic plant. Almost 2,000 jobs went during the year and on the company's figures, another 3,000-plus must go over the next four years. Industry estimates put the actual figure needed even higher than that.

Political risks still loom large, with the government, of whatever hue, sitting on 40 per cent. The end of the existing fixed contracts with British Coal in 1993 represents a significant opportunity, but to take full advantage the generators need the new port facilities through which imported coal can flow.

The Scottish flotation gave a clear lead on how the market valued the industry, as the shares failed to achieve the runaway premiums of the earlier floats. National Power were 2½p ahead at 135p last night, at which they yield a prospective 5.8 per cent, a touch higher than the Scots but well behind the 6.5 to 7 per cent on offer from the distributors. Those differentials look fair enough for now.

JAMES GRAY



Pay furore: John Baker, National Power chairman

Southern Water

TWO camps have emerged among the ten privatised water service groups: those anxious to keep in with the financial regulator for fear of something worse and those, like Southern, still kicking against Ian Byatt's increasing demands and interference.

On the surface, Southern seems more vulnerable than most to an early price limit review. Through no fault of its own, Southern's £141 million of capital spending in 1990-91 was about £10 million less than budgeted, despite bringing forward some spending to counter drought.

This was partly due to a government-requested pause on new sewage outfalls to update plans for the latest EC requirements, which will have greater impact this year, and partly through lower than expected costs and using cheaper innovative solutions to meet obligations.

Southern has voluntarily forgone 0.5 per cent on 1991-92 prices, but this does not fully account for the delays.

Otherwise, the group would have suffered from the surprising 2.5 per cent loss of volume that left 1990-91 core business turnover up less than 11 per cent against price increases of 13.2 per cent. In the complex regulations, volume losses are down to shareholders.

The 17.8 per cent dividend rise, in line with the interim, is also at the top end. William Courtney, the chairman, said this partly compensated for the relatively low yield at which the shares were issued, which has kept them about the bottom of the league.

The immediate regulatory threat should not be exaggerated. Diversified activities, once seen as a risk at Southern, have proved cautious and profitable, contributing £6 million that, the company might argue, paid for the extra dividend. But, eventually, Southern will probably have to absorb the estimated £100 million extra cost of the upgraded outfalls.

The shares, up 2p to 240p, yield an above average 7.6 per cent and sell at only 5.8 times earnings, which should rise this year, partly thanks to an exceptional £7 million profit from sales of water company shares. Southern offers good, long-term value but may remain relatively low-rated.

Morland & Co

THE Whitbread Investment Company, in electing to take up its rights at Morland & Co, may have limited any immediate damage to the Oxfordshire brewer's share price, but Peter Lilley's shadow will continue to fall across the market.

WIC owns 43.6 per cent of the Morland equity, but with its Whitbread parent under pressure from the DTI to slim down its tied estate, it is likely to have to reduce its holding before 1992 is out.

Coming after its surprise intervention in the Boddington/Devenish bid battle, this move is hardly conducive to clearer understanding of WIC investment policy.

Meanwhile, the deal with Courage brings 101 Thames Valley pubs into the Morland estate at about £160,000 apiece, increasing the chain by about 50 per cent. Morland has concluded, like most regional brewers, that its future in the industry's new dawn is in retail.

The pubs will guarantee more outlets for Morland's under-used brewing capacity, bring in additional net rental income and, given the snug fit with current estate, improve distribution efficiency.

Analysts have lifted their forecasts for the year ending next September to about £7 million, against £6.1 million previously, to produce earnings of just above 28p per share. That suggests an earnings multiple of about 10.6 at the 301p ex rights price.

WIC evidently believes that, if it must sell, it will be able to realise a better price in the next 18 months, but, until its intentions are clearer, there may be some underperformance.

Coleridge faces storm at Lloyd's

THE CITY will come to a standstill this morning as representatives of the 32,000 Lloyd's members crowd into the insurance market's headquarters for one of the tensest meetings in its 200-year history.

David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, has the unenviable task of telling his audience that Lloyd's underwriting syndicates lost more than £500 million in 1988, since the market reports its figures three years in arrears, and that losses for 1989 threaten to be far worse.

When he finishes, he will be barraged by questions from angry names, the people who back the market, many of whom face financial ruin, and thousands of whom are suing the insurers and agents which they believe are to blame for the losses.

The meeting will be a baptism of fire for Mr Coleridge, who took over as chairman at the start of the year as a golden period for Lloyd's, during which profits and membership reached record highs, came to an end. His only consolation will be that the press, barred from the meeting, will not be there to witness his discomfort.

Names will sit around the Lutine Bell, which is traditionally rung to warn the market of a disaster. Strangely, it will remain silent.

There may be a clutch of well-known faces in the crowd; Edward Heath and John Wakeham, the Conservative politicians, Robert Maxwell, the publisher, Tony Jacklin, the golfer, and Susan Hampshire, the actress, are, among other celebrities, all names.

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Mr Coleridge will face them, his back protected by the other 27 members of Lloyd's council. These include Mary Archer, wife of the novelist and head of the Lloyd's hardship committee, formed to assist impoverished names. The 4,700 working names, the underwriters, will watch the proceedings from the balconies.

Annual meetings at Lloyd's have generally been low-key affairs, attended by the professionals and only a few hundred of the most committed names. The rest were happy enough to bank the market's profits, which reached £509 million in 1987.

The losses for 1988, which stem from the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster and a slump in premium rates, have stirred anger among names and given rise to a flurry of writs. Up to 6,000 names are estimated to be considering legal action against underwriters or agents.

The 1988 loss was the first at Lloyd's for 20 years. What has made it so devastating is not only its record size, but the fact that many less wealthy people were tempted to join the market in the mid-Eighties to help boost its underwriting capacity. Unlike Lloyd's traditional backers, they do not have the liquid assets to pay for the losses and some will lose all their savings and even their homes.

Among the audience will be Tom Benyon, the former Conservative MP, who this week formed the Society of Names at Lloyd's to help names take action to recover their losses. Mr Benyon is expected to quiz Mr Coleridge on his attitude towards the names.

Mr Coleridge will be relieved when he can bring the two-hour meeting to a close and retire to the sumptuous regency surroundings of the Adam Room for a buffet lunch with the other council members. His only worry is that he will have to run the gauntlet again next year.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Batting for Britain

THE British economy will soon be on the mend, and the England cricket team is the proof. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte has compared the team's performance with the ups and downs of the economy. Taken over ten years, it found that the cricketers have an uncanny knack of showing in which direction the economy will go. Real growth in GDP peaked about two years after England won back the Ashes, and now appears to have hit its low, just as our cricketing prospects sunk into the doldrums with the rebel tour of South Africa in 1989. Now, cricket is storming ahead and a financial recovery should follow by the autumn.

Vicious circle

SALES executives at Smith New Court's spanking new offices in Farringdon were all steamed up yesterday. It seems that the firm's air-conditioning broke down, and several members of staff decided to take a dip in the SNC pool to cool off. They were out of luck. For a water main had burst under the offices, flooding the pool and triggering the collapse of the air-conditioning system. Sounds like one of those days . . .

PUBLISHERS of the American edition of Easy Sky Diving *have hurriedly recalled all copies of the book to insert a note reading: "Please make the following correction. On page 8, line 7, 'State zip code' should read 'Pull rip cord'."*

Advantage phone

NOT everyone has been caught out by the unsporting weather that has so dismayed fans and touts at Wimbledon. NEI DAC, part of the Rolls-Royce group, has supplied weatherproof telephones on all the umpire's chairs at Wimbledon, connecting the 18 courts to the referee. "They can be safely left in situ even during inclement weather, including the torrential downpours that have been a part of the Wimbledon scene during recent years," the company boasts.

Heads or tails

DEALERS returning from a gold conference in Vienna have been chuckling over the following ditty:

To the land of lakes and waltzes
From around the world they came,
To learn from market sages
To play the bullion game
They heard of options, bonds and swaps,
Of charts and trendlines too.
They talked of peaks and dips and troughs
And systems old and new
Then armed with all this information
They boldly went back home
To spread the word around the nation
That gold's next moves are known
Real life however's not like this
The best theory often fails
The wisest of us spin a coin
And just call "heads or tails?!!"

NOTICE in a bank in Manitoba, Canada: "Try our honeymoon plan. A loan at last!"

Crowd control

BOARD meetings and annual meetings may occasionally be unruly affairs, but surely the City has not yet descended to the level of soccer hooligans. The National Computer Centre, based in Manchester, is offering visitors to the Multimedia '91 exhibition at Olympia the chance to control 50,000 excited fans at a football match in a video simulation. John Eary, the man behind the idea, adds ominously: "Although it was developed to help police officers in crowd control the potential is there to be adapted to other allied emergency services or to management decision training." A riot at Broadgate, perhaps?

JON ASHWORTH

SURELY THE MARKET LEADER IN CURRENCY WARRANTS IN GERMANY HAS TO BE GERMAN?

Certainly the leader in Germany for currency warrants is German. It is Trinkaus und Burkhardt KGaA, headquartered in Düsseldorf.

With branches in key German business centres and over 2500 corporate clients, Trinkaus combines merchant banking skills with private banking and a balance sheet of Dm 8.3 billion. In addition it manages funds of over Dm 20 billion.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Eurotherm	Electricals	
2	Braithwaite	Industrials A-D	
3	Burmah Castrol	Oil,Gas	
4	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
5	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
6	GEC	Electricals	
7	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
8	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
9	North West	Water	
10	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
11	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Cable Wireless	Electricals	
13	Sale Tilney	Industrials S-Z	
14	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
15	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
16	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
17	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
18	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
19	Triplex Lloyd	Industrials S-Z	
20	Harrison Crosfld	Industrials E-K	
21	Compass Gp	Leisure	
22	LASMO	Oil,Gas	
23	Albert Fisher	Foods	
24	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
25	South West	Water	
26	Stand Chart	Banks,Discount	
27	Scot & New	Breweries	
28	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
29	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
30	AB Elect	Electricals	
31	BAT	Tobaccos	
32	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
33	Wimpey G	Building,Roads	
34	Rothmans 'B'	Tobaccos	
35	Redland	Building,Roads	
36	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
37	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
38	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
39	Grand Met	Breweries	
40	Boddington	Breweries	
41	Debenham Tewson	Property	
42	Granada	Industrials E-K	
43	Casket Plc	Drapery,Stores	
44	Anglian Water	Water	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Three readers shared the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Barbara Stelling, of Croydon, Surrey; Henry Richards, of Amlwch, Gwynedd; and Norma Craft, of Colyton, Devon, each receive £666.66.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares close slightly firmer

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 17. Dealings end June 28. §Contango day July 1. Settlement day July 8.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£2,000

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1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	178	180●	-1	11.2	6.3	8.4
840	640	Schroders	795	810	-5	18.7	2.3	16.0
413	205	Stand Chart	337	342	+5	26.7	7.9	18.6
165	124	TSB	142	144	—	8.5	5.9	11.2
600	480	Union Disc	455	465	-3	46.7	10.2	17.8
465	314	Warburg SG	438	445●	-2	21.3	4.8	10.9
163	109	Do 6% 'A'	151	154	-1	8.0	5.2	—
38	25	Wells Fargo	50		-⅛	—	—	—
222	128	Westpac	212	216●	-1	—	—	—
353	288	Wintrust	335	345	—	11.9	3.5	9.2

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
584	460	Allied-Lyons	537	540●	+3	25.1	4.7	20.4
10¼	852	Bass	928	935●	+7	44.4	4.8	9.7
175	124	Boddington	152	158	+1	8.0	5.2	11.8
253	173	Bulmer (H P)	230	235	-1	10.6	4.5	17.8
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	130	140	—	5.3	3.9	12.8
245	135	Devenish (JA)	183	192●	-9	7.3	3.9	13.8
75	51	Fosters Brewing Gp	71	73	-1	—	—	—
838	623	Grand Met	742	745	+6	28.3	3.8	13.4
380	274	Greenall Whit	313	320●	-4	13.9	4.4	12.2
454	374	Greene King	410	420	-3	13.8	3.3	14.8
9⅝	717	Guinness	968	973	+7	25.0	2.6	15.2
9¾	670¼	Hardys & Hansons	9¾	10	—	44.7	4.5	12.1
279	225	Highland Dist	264	270	—	6.6	2.5	28.3
167	120	Invergordon Dist	153	155	+1	6.7	4.4	12.7
465	420	Mansfield	433	440	—	16.1	3.7	11.3
216	165	Marston Thompson	201	206	+1	8.0	2.9	14.1
410	357	Matthew Clark	385	395	—	18.0	4.6	13.6
345	240	Morland	300	320●	-10	8.9	2.9	15.3
10¼	558	SA Breweries	10¼	10¼●	—			
409	336	Scot & New	372	375	+1	18.2	4.9	13.4
254	174	Vaux Group	220	225●	-4	11.8	5.3	11.5
514	409	Whitbread 'A'	488	490●	+2	21.7	4.5	9.9
13¼	13	Do 'B'	13	13⅛●	—	21.7	1.6	28.1
528	399	Wolvrhmptn & D	522	530●	-1	12.9	2.5	14.9
470	383	Young 'A'	455	470●	—	17.3	3.7	17.2

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

ELECTRICITY

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

INSURANCE

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LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
62	37	Headlam	47	54	-1	3.2	6.3	14.4
286	183	Lambert Howarth	245	255	—	15.0	6.0	7.2
74	40	Pittard Garnar	70	73	—	0.3	0.4	—
32	13¼	Strong & Fisher	17	19	—	—●	—	—
285	263	Stylo	280	285	—	12.0	4.6	92.6

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
740	559	BAT	715	718●	+6	42.5	5.9	25.5
939	635	Rothmans 'B'	922	930	+3	20.5	2.2	13.7

TRANSPORT

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	272	277	+2	23.3	8.8	7.5
339	283	Northumbrian	268	274	-3	21.4	8.3	4.7
318	257	North West	278	280	+8	24.0	8.8	6.4
303¾	231	Severn Trent	243	246	+3	23.4	7.4	4.9
300	229	Sthrn Water	239	242	+7	20.0	8.5	6.7
327	255	South West	258	264	+3	26.7	8.1	5.0
323	253	Thames Water	289	292	+6	23.3	6.6	7.2
358	272	Welsh Water	280	287	+7	28.0	7.1	4.4
308	256	Wessex Water	297	302	+8	20.3	5.5	7.1
330	284	Yorkshire Water	285	290	+7	23.6	6.5	6.9
£3136	£1000	Package Unit	£2718		+£43			

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

WALL STREET

	Jun 25 midday	Jun 24 close		Jun 25 midday	Jun 24 close		Jun 25 midday	Jun 24 close
Abbott Lab	51	50%	Enron	57%	58%	Oryx Enrgy	31	31%
Aetna Life	41	41	Entergy	23%	23%	Pac Ent	29%	28%
Ahmanson	17%	17%	Ethyl	27%	27	Pac Gas Elec	25%	25%
Air Prods	68%	69	Exxon	58%	58%	Pac Telesis	40	39%
Albertsons	41%	41%	Fed NMA	46%	46%	Paccar	46%	46
Alcan Al	20%	20%	Fedrl Expre	38%	38%	Pacificrop	20%	20%
Alco Stand	30%	31%	Ft Norstar	23%	23	Pall	35%	35%
Allied Signal	29%	29%	Fluor	45%	45%	Paramount	39%	39%
Alumin CA	66%	67%	FMC	43%	43%	Parker-Hanin	27%	27%
Am Brands	39%	39%	Ford Motor	36%	36%	Penney	53%	53%
Am Cyanmd	63%	63	FPL	30%	30	Pennzoil	72%	73
Am EPC	28%	28%	Fst Chicago	24	24%	Pepsico	29%	29%
Am General	38%	38%	Fst Intrsta	34%	36%	Pfizer	57	56%
Am Home	60	59%	Fst Union	22%	22%	Phlps Pet	25%	25%
Am Intl	84%	84%	Gannett	41%	42%	Philips Elec	20%	20%
Am Medical	11%	11%	Gen Cinema	23%	23%	Phlp Morris	64%	64%
Am Stores	80%	80%	Gen Elec	74	73%	Phlps Dodge	64%	65
Amax	23%	23%	Gen Mills	55%	55%	Pitney Bow	58%	59
Amer Hess	52%	52%	Gen Motors	41%	41%	Plcr Dome	13	12%
Ameritech	65%	55%	Gen RE	90%	91%	PNC Fncl	35%	35%
Amex	23%	23%	Gen Signal	43%	43	Prmdle Estn	11%	11%
Amoco	51%	51%	Genentech	28%	28%	Polaroid	24%	24%
AMP	49%	49%	Genuine Pts	42	42%	PPG Inds	55	54%
AMR	60	60%	Georgia-Pac	53%	53%	Prctr Gmble	77%	78%
Anheuser-B	48%	48%	Gillette	35%	35%	Price	53%	53%
Apple Comp	42%	41%	Goodrich	39%	39%	Primerica	27%	27%
Archer-Dan	23%	24%	Goodyear	33%	33%	Pub Service	25%	25%
Arkla	17%	18%	Grace	31%	32%	Quaker Oats	61%	62%
Armstrong	28%	28%	Greyhound	34%	34%	Ralston Pur	50%	51
Asarco	25%	25%	Gt Atlantic	43%	43%	Raychem	25%	26
Ashland Oil	31	30%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	79%	79%
AT&T	37%	37%	GTE	29%	29	Reebok	23%	23%
Atlan Richfld	115%	114%	Hallbrtn	37%	37%	Roadway	54%	54
Auto DP	31%	31%	Heinz	36%	36%	Rockwell	27	26%
Avery Intl	25	24%	Hercules	37%	37%	Rohm Haas	44%	43%
Avon Prod	43%	44%	Hershey Fd	40%	40%	Royal Dutch	77%	77%
Baltimore	29%	29	Hewlett Pkd	50%	50%	Rubbermaid	50%	49%
Banc One	37%	37%	Hilton Htl	44	44%	Rynlds Mtl	58	59
Bankamerica	36%	37%	Home Depot	64%	65%	Safeco	40%	39%
Bard	28%	27%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	32%	33%
Barnett Bl	28%	28%	Honeywell	61%	60%	Sant Fe Pac	8%	8%
Bausch Lmb	78%	79%	Houston Ind	35%	35%	Sara Lee	39%	39%
Baxter Intl	32%	31%	Hsehld Intl	47%	48%	Schecorp	39%	39%
Bec Dickin	72%	73	Humana	47%	48%	Schlumbgr	58%	58%
Bell Atlan	45%	45%	IBM	99%	98%	Schrg-Plgh	49%	49%
Bellsouth	47	46%	IF&F	76%	76%	Scott Papr	42%	43%
Bir Hughes	23%	23%	Illinois TW	62%	62	Seagram	105	105%
Black Decker	15%	15%	Inco	35%	35%	Sears Rbk	38%	38%
Block	54%	55	Ingsol-Rand	51%	51%	Secrty Pac	23%	24%
Bnkrs Tst NY	51%	52%	Inland Steel	21%	22	Shrwn-Wlms	24%	24%
Boeing	45%	45%	Intel	45	43%	Skyline	15%	15%
Boise Casc	26%	26%	Intl Paper	70%	71	Snap-on Tls	31%	30%
Borden	34%	34%	ITT	57%	57%	Southern	27%	27%
Brist-Myer	78%	78%	James River	28%	28%	St Paul	62	62%
Browng-Fer	28%	27	Johnsn Jhsn	84%	84	Stanley Wk	38%	39
Burl Nth	28%	28%	K Mart	44%	44	Stone Cntr	21%	21%
CAI	10%	10%	Kellogg	98%	98%	Sun Co	29%	29%
Campbell Sp	73%	73%	Kerr-McGee	41%	41%	Suntst Bk	30	30%
Cap Cities	442%	441	Kimbly-Clrk	95%	96%	Super Valu	26%	26%
Capital HC	49%	49%	Knght-Rddr	51%	51%	SW Bell	51%	51
Carolina	45%	45	Lilly	73%	73%	Syntex	38%	37%
Caterpillar	49	48%	Limited	27%	27%	Sysco	41%	41%
CBS	159%	158%	Lin Brdcstg	58%	57%	Tandem	14%	14%
Central SW	44%	44%	Lincln Nat	46%	46%	Tandy	27%	27%
Champion	27%	27%	Litton Ind	76%	77%	Tele-comm	13%	13%
Chase Man	18%	18%	Lockheed	43%	43%	Teledyne	18%	18%
Chem Bnkg	21%	21%	Louis-Pac	40%	41%	Temple-In	45	45%
Chevron	70%	70%	Manu Hano	22%	23%	Tenneco	40%	40%
Chrysler	13%	13%	Marriott	17%	18%	Texaco	60	60%
Chubb	68%	68%	Marsh Mclen	74%	75%	Texas Inst	33%	33%
Cigna	46%	46%	Martin Mar	55%	55%	Texas Util	34%	34%
Citicorp	15%	15%	Masco	23%	23%	Textron	31%	31%
Clorne Liz	48	47%	May Dept	53%	54%	Time Wrnr	89%	89%
Clorox	39%	39%	Maytag	15%	15%	Times Mirr	30	29%
Cmwlth Edis	36%	36%	McDnl Doug	50%	50	Timken	25%	26
CNA Fincl	78%	78%	McDonalds	31%	31%	Torchmark	49%	49%
Coastal	29%	30	McGraw-Hill	58%	58%	Toys R Us	28	28%
Coca-Cola	55	55%	MCI Com	28%	28%	Transam	32%	32%
Colgate-Pal	37%	37%	Mead	33%	33%	Travelers	22%	22%
Columb Gas	19%	18%	Medtronic	113%	113%	Tribune	42%	43%
Compaq	38	38%	Mellon Bk	29%	29%	TRW	41%	41%
Conagra	41%	42	Melville	49%	48%	Tyco Lab	48%	48%
Cons Edis	24%	24%	Merck	115	114%	UAL	139%	142%
Cons NG	40%	40%	Merll Lynch	37%	37%	Un Camp	44	45
Cons Rail	54%	54%	MM&M	93%	93%	Un Carbide	20	20
Cooper Ind	52%	53%	Mobil	64%	64%	Un Pacific	84%	84%
Corning	80%	82%	Monsanto	66%	67	Unilever	80%	80%
CPC Intl	84%	85	Moore	27%	27%	Unisys	3%	3%
Crown Cork	75%	75%	Morgan	52%	53%	Unocal	23%	23%
CSX	46%	46%	Motorola	65%	64%	Upjohn	42%	42
Dana	33%	33	Nat Medical	44	44	US Life	41	41%
Dayton-Hud	71%	72%	Nat Semi	5%	5%	US West	34%	34
Deere	52%	52%	Nat Service	25	25%	Usair Gp	15%	15%
Delta Air	69	69	Navistar	3%	3%	USF&G	9%	9%
Deluxe	43%	43%	NCNB	39%	39%	UST	44%	43%
Detroit Edi	28%	28%	NCR	106	105%	USX Mar	23%	22%
Digital Eq	60%	59%	NED Bncp	35%	35%	Utd Tech	44%	44%
Dillard	120%	123%	Newmnt Min	37%	37%	Utd Telcm	31%	30%
Disney	113%	112%	Niagr Mhwk	15%	15%	VF	29%	29%
Dominion	47	47	Nike	37%	37%	Wal-Mart	42%	42%
Donnelley	43%	43%	NL Indstrs	14%	14%	Waste Mgmt	37%	36%
Dover	39%	39%	Nordstorm	38%	38%	Wells Fargo	81%	81%
Dow Chem	53%	53%	Norflk Sthn	46%	46%	Westg Elec	28%	28%
Dow Jones	28%	27%	Norwest	28%	28%	Weyerhsr	27%	27%
Dresser Ind	19%	20	Nthn St Pwr	34%	33%	Whirlpool	32%	32%
Du Pont	46%	46%	Nthn Telcm	36%	35%	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	28	27%	NY Times	24	23%	Winn-Dixie	38	38%
Dun Bradst	47%	47%	Nynex	68%	68%	Woolworth	31%	31%
East Kodak	39%	39%	Occid Petrl	21%	21%	Wrigley	60	59%
Eaton	61	60%	Ohio Edi	18	18	Wrner-Lamb	71%	70%
Emerson El	47%	47%	Oracle Sys	8%	8%	Xerox	52%	52%

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons	500	44	64	74	4	11	17
(*539)	550	13	35	46	22	32	37
	600	2	15	25	66	67	69
ASDA	90	10	12	16	2	5	6
(*97)	100	4	6½	10	6	10	10½
	110	1¼	3½	6½	15	17	18
Bass	929	28	62	-	20	34	-
(*932)	977	8	38	-	52	64	-
	1026	2½	24	-	100	102	-
Boots	330	44	56	61	1	4	6
(*367)	360	20	33	42	5	10	15
	390	3½	15	22	22	26	28
Br Airways	140	27	32	36	1	2½	4
(*163)	160	10½	18	21	4	8	10
	180	2½	7½	11½	17	20	22
BP	300	37	41	46	1½	4	6
(*332)	330	10	19	27	6	12	16
	360	2½	7½	13	30	32	34
Br Steel	120	12½	13	14	2	4½	6½
(*130)	130	5	6½	9	8	10	12
	140	1½	3	5	17	18	19
C & W	500	33	53	66	5	13	18
(*525)	550	6	26	39	30	37	43
	600	1½	10	21	80	80	82
CU	460	53	58	73	2	8½	12
(*502)	500	20	31	47	8½	23	27
	550	3	12	25	45	56	59
Courtauld	360	55	66	74	1½	4	6½
(*409)	390	28	43	52	5	11	16
	420	9½	25	33	17	23	27
GKN	330	25	32	45	4	13	16
(*347)	360	7½	17	27	17	29	32
	390	2	8	17	44	50	52
Grand Met	750	23	44	65	18	37	45
(*743)	800	6	24	42	57	70	75
	850	2	12	26	107	110	112
ICI	1250	52	85	118	25	57	62
(*1262)	1300	25	62	94	52	82	85
	1350	12	41	72	90	115	117
Kingfisher	460	38	53	68	4½	13	18
(*489)	500	13	30	45	20	31	35
	550	2	11	25	63	66	68
Ladbroke	260	6½	16	22	12	20	23
(*251)	280	2	8	14	30	33	35
	300	1	5	8½	50	50	50
Land Sec	460	36	51	59	2	6	11
(*488)	500	8	24	35	14	22	27
	550	1½	7½	15	64	64	65
M & S	240	11½	22	28	4½	6½	10
(*246)	260	2½	10	16	16	18	20
	280	1	4½	9	35	35	36
Sainsbury	330	22	34	42	2½	6½	9
(*346)	360	5	17	24	16	20	23
	390	1½	6	12	46	46	46
Shell	460	60	72	77	1	6	8
(*515)	500	27	40	48	5	16	20
	550	2½	13	24	37	45	47
Smkl Beech	750	38	65	82	8½	22	28
(*768)	800	12	38	57	33	45	51
	850	2½	19	35	80	80	82
Storehse	100	8	12	-	3	6½	-
(*107)	110	3	7	-	9	11	-
	120	1	4	6	18	19	21
Trafalgar	240	4½	15	21	25	31	40
(*214)	260	3	9	12	45	47	53
	280	1½	6	9	65	65	70
Ultramar	280	17	27	35	6	12	15
(*288)	300	6	14	24	16	25	27
	330	2½	6	12	45	45	45
Unilever	650	100	119	-	1½	3½	-
(*744)	700	52	78	93	3½	10	16
	750	18	45	61	19	29	35
	800	5	22	37	60	60	65
Utd Bisc	330	39	48	54	1	5	8
(*365)	360	14	24	34	7	15	19
	390	2½	10½	19	26	32	35
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	390	55	65	-	2½	6½	-
(*443)	420	31	44	53	9	15	18
	460	10	22	32	31	35	39
BAT Ind	600	129	134	-	1½	4	-
(*717)	650	82	90	105	4	10	16
	700	40	55	73	15	28	32
	750	16	30	47	40	55	59
BTR	360	39	48	55	4	10	12
(*385)	390	18	26	38	14	22	25
	420	7	14	23	35	40	42
Br Aero	550	67	74	92	5	13	17
(*595)	600	30	42	60	20	33	37
	650	10	21	37	55	62	67
Br Telecm	330	28	34	-	5	8	-
(*353)	360	8	17	23	19	22	25
	390	2	7	12	44	45	47
Cadbury	330	31	38	48	5½	9	12
(*350)	360	13	21	31	18	23	25
	390	4	11	17	44	45	46
Guinness	900	93	114	139	6½	16	22
(*971)	950	54	79	104	17	31	35
	1000	27	51	77	41	52	57
GEC	180	11	14½	17½	6	8	9½
(*188)	200	2	5½	9	22	23	23
	220	½	2	4¼	40	41	42
Hanson	200	13½	20	23	4½	6½	10½
(*203)	220	4	10	12	16	17	21
	240	1	4	6	36	36	37
LASMO	300	45	52	62	3	-	9
(*336)	330	18	32	42	12	19	21
	360	7	16	26	30	37	40
P & O	550	36	45	57	16	29	32
(*555)	600	14	23	34	47	59	64
	650	3½	11	-	95	99	-
Pilkington	160	11	18	22	8½	12	16
(*159)	180	4	9½	13	24	26	29
	200	2	5	8	43	43	44
Prudential	220	19½	25	32	4½	9	11
(*229)	240	9	14	22	14	19	20
	260	2¼	7	-	30	33	-

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal	200	21	29	35	5½	9	11
(*211)	220	9½	17½	25	14½	19	21
	240	4	10	17	31	32	33
	260	1½	5½	11	50	51	51
RTZ	460	110	113	-	1	2½	-
(*561)	500	70	81	96	2	8	12
	550	33	47	63	14	23	30
	600	9	23	38	47	49	52
Scot New	330	48	-	-	3	-	-
(*374)	360	22	33	40	12	17	20
	390	8	18	25	31	35	40
	420	2½	9	15	57	58	61
Tesco	253	22	-	-	3½	-	-
(*265)	280	7	13	20	16	19	20
	300	2½	6	12	36	36	37
Thames W.	280	12	20	25	12	14	18
(*290)	300	4½	11	15	28	30	31
	330	1	5	7½	57	57	57
Lucas	140	12	17	19	4½	9½	11
(*145)	160	4½	8	10½	17	22	23
	180	1½	3½	-	38	39	-
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons	460	54	68	80	1½	8	12
(*506)	500	22	41	53	11	18	26
	550	3½	18	30	45	50	53
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat	260	6	16	24	1	9½	12
(*264)	280	1	7½	14	17	21	24
	300	1	3½	8	37	41	40
Amstrad	60	6	10	12½	1	3	4
(*65)	70		4	7½	6	7	9½
	80	½	2	4	16	16	17
Barclays	420	20	30	42	1	15	23
(*438)	460	1	12	23	23	40	42
	500	1	4	12	64	70	72
Blue Circ	240	7	21	28	2	13	16
(*241)	260	1	10	17	18	25	27
	280	1	5½	10½	38	41	42
Br Gas	200	46	48	-	¼	1½	-
(*245)	220	26	29	30	½	3½	5
	240	7	11	17	1	10½	13
	260	1	4½	8½	16	26	27
Dixons	180	30	30	36	1	3½	6
(*207)	200	9	17	22	2	9	13
	220	1	7	13	15	20	24
Eurotunnel	420	40	65	85	3	20	27
(*449)	460	5	38	60	18	35	46
	500	1	23	40	55	67	74
Forte	240	25	33	37	1	3½	7
(*262)	260	5½	19	24	1½	8½	15
	280	1	9½	15	18	22	26
Glaxo	1200	70	114	141	1½	30	46
(*1264)	1250	21	80	113	6	50	62
	1300	1½	56	85	39	79	91
Hawker	500	68	85	95	1	9	16
(*569)	550	18	50	66	3	23	34
	600	1	27	41	37	49	60
Hillsdown	220	1	13	19	7	13	16
(*214)	240	1	6	10½	27	27	30
	260	1	2	6	47	47	48
	280	1	1	3	67	67	67
Lonrho	240	4½	15	23	2½	14	15
(*243)	260	½	7½	14	20	28	29
	280	¼	3½	7½	40	45	45
Midland	180	20	25	33	1	4½	6½
(*200)	200	3	15	22	3½	13	15
	220	1	7	14	22	24	28
	240	½	3½	8	42	44	45
Reuter	750	43	75	105	2	23	33
(*786)	800	4	48	74	20	48	54
	850	1	27	48	70	82	86
	900	½	15	33	120	117	122
R-Royce	140	19	23	25	¼	3	5
(*157)	160	1	9	13½	4	10	12
	180		3½	7	24	26	27
Sears	70	6	9½	11	1	2½	3½
(*75)	80	1	4	5½	6	7	8½
	90	½	1½	2½	16	17	16
Thorn EMI	650	87	87	92	½	7	14
(*732)	700	37	43	56	1	22	29
	750	3	18	32	20	51	55
	800	1	7	-	72	93	-
TSB	130	14	17	-	1	2½	-
(*143)	140	4½	9	14	1	7	9
	160	½	3½	6	18	20	22
Vaal Reefs	60	6½	11	14	1	4½	6
(*$67)	70	1	6	9	5	10	12
Wellcome	550	117	132	144	1	3	8
(*661)	600	67	90	105	1	9	18
	650	18	55	74	4	25	35
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastn Elec	160	17	19	-	8	11	-
(*172)	180	4½	8	14	23	24	25
	200	2	4	7	41	41	41
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Nat Power	130	6	9	13	1½	7½	9
(*135)	140	1	4½	8½	7	14	15
	160	1	1½	4	27	32	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2462)

	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650
Calls						
Jun	73	26½	4	½	½	½
Jul	101	60	31	15	6	2½
Aug	118	86	58	36	20	11
Sep	153	117	88	61	43	28
Dec	190	—	140	—	80	—
Puts						
Jun	2	9	37	91	135	194
Jul	19	34	58	95	146	195
Aug	33	45	75	105	146	197
Sep	45	58	84	109	152	197
Dec	69	—	108	—	162	—

June 25, 1991 Total: 28320 Calls 16817 Puts 11503 FT-SE: Calls 2696 Puts 3503

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 24	July 5	September 26	October 7

Call options were taken out on: 25/6/91 Aviva Petroleum, Burton, Davy Corp, Business Technology, Next, NSM, Scottish Power, Torday & Carlisle, Tuskar Res. Put: Bluebird Toys.

TOKYO

Investors must bear risks, says bank chief

Tokyo

YASUSHI Mieno, the governor of the Bank of Japan, was "extremely disappointed" about broking houses' problems in the stock market. He said stock market transactions should be based on the principle that the investors must bear the risks involved in those transactions.

Mr Mieno went on: "I am extremely disappointed that the soundness of the (stock) market was damaged by these problems."

The central bank had not been aware of the broking scandals. The presidents of two of Japan's leading brokers, Nomura Securities and Nikko Securities, hit by allegations their companies were involved in dubious transactions, announced on Monday that they planned to resign.

The firms admitted that they had compensated favoured clients for losses suffered when the stock market collapsed last year.

Two other big brokers, Yamaichi and Daiwa, have also admitted involvement in similar transactions.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, shares ignored the broking troubles and New York's dive overnight to close at the day's highest levels. The Nikkei index climbed 141.96 points, or 0.60 per cent, to 23,907.42.

Turnover was 280 million shares, up from 220 million shares on Monday.

After a sharp opening plunge, when the Nikkei slumped 319.84 points in the first 20 minutes, resistance to this decline and the lack of fresh developments in the broking troubles encouraged cautious bargain-hunting.

Tadashi Kawakami, of Merrill Lynch, said: "It was a technical rally."

☐ **New York** — Blue chips fell in early trading as futures-related buying ended. The Dow Jones industrial average was down by one point to 2,912.01. Analysts said that investors' fears about Californian banking shares weighed on the market.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares, which had been pulled lower in early dealings by steep losses in New York on Monday, shot to a strong finish in slim, largely technical trading. The Hang Seng index jumped 34.72 points to 3,604.26.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Prices closed little changed at the end of a roller-coaster day that saw the Dax index finish down 0.09 points at 1,691.47 after having moved in an 11-point band.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares rebounded from early falls to close slightly lower in thin trading. But bargain-hunting helped the all-ordinaries index off its lows to close at 1,499.8, down 3.4 points.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2912.12 (-0.89)*
S&P Composite	371.00 (+0.06)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	23907.42 (+141.96)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3604.26 (+34.72)
FT-SE Euro 100	1128.57 (+2.50)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	94.2 (-0.2)
Sydney: AO	1499.8 (-3.4)
Frankfurt: DAX	1691.47 (-0.09)
Brussels:	
General	5732.75 (-34.75)
Paris: CAC	471.44 (-5.62)
Zurich: SKA Gen	542.2 (+1.0)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	1182.36 (-0.27)
FT.— "500"	1311.18 (+0.09)
FT. Gold Mines	195.6 (-5.1)
FT. Fixed interest	92.82 (same)
FT. Govt Secs	83.54 (-0.12)
Bargains	25107
SEAQ Volume	410.3m
USM (Datastream)	128.07 (-1.75)

*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	122 -1
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	22
Brabant Res (155p)	122
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105 -1
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102
EFM Inc Tst (85p)	69
Eidos	46
East Germany Inv (100p)	109 -2
Etonbrook	83
Faber Prest	181
Geared Inc (100p)	105
Greencore	213 +3
Greenwich Res	22
Headline Book (100p)	123
Manchester Utd (385p)	277 +5
Mirror Group (125p)	103 -1
Miskin Grp	15
Oryx Gold	281
Pelican Grp	20
Resort Hotels	76 +2
River&Merc Smlr (100p)	102
St James Place	74 -2
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	70
Standard Platform (225p)	139 -1
Sterling Tst	43 -2
TR Euro Growth	100 -1
Tollgate	83
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Unichem	174 -1

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Blacks Leis N/P	14 -1
Gardiner N/P	6 -1
Heath (CE) N/P	41
Jarvis Porter N/P	25
Lon & Ass N/P	1½
McCarthy & Stone N/P	2
Staveley Ind N/P	11 -1
Welpac N/P	¼
Westbury N/P	10
Whitecroft N/P	7

(Issue price in brackets).

STOCK MARKET

Market-makers apply brakes

DEALERS took the view yesterday that the equity market was looking oversold and applied the brake, but attempts at clawing back recent losses proved futile.

Monday's setback, stemming from the heavy falls in Tokyo and New York, has been disregarded, but fund managers are continuing to take a pessimistic view of the short-term outlook for the equity market and are reluctant to commit fresh funds.

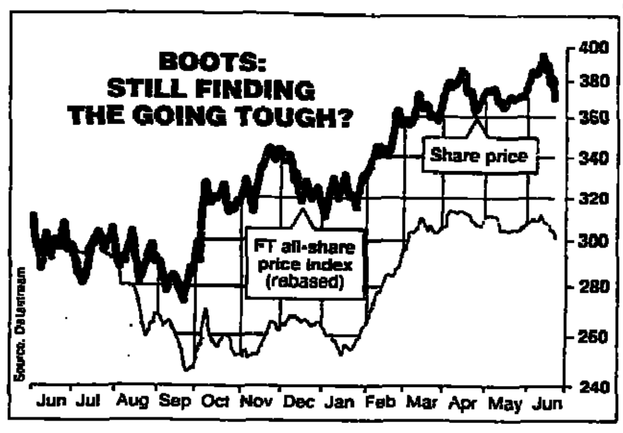
As a result, turnover again remained thin with little more than 400 million shares changing hands and the FT-SE 100 index surrendering nearly all of its rise of almost 11 points to finish just 2.9 better at 2,461.2 as Wall Street again opened lower. The FT index of 30 shares rose 0.5 to 1,921.6.

Worries about the dollar's strength and the continued absence of interest rate cuts remain the main concern among traders and investors. They maintain that another cut in rates is urgently needed to stimulate the economy and generate fresh investment support. At present, there is little sign of the Bank of England agreeing.

Government securities fared little better than shares, closing with losses stretching to £¼ at the longer end before today's auction.

This week's CBI survey, indicating that the economy is still in recession, and the apparently never-ending line-up of companies asking for extra funds is also starting to affect sentiment.

Trafalgar House fell 32p to 211p as more than 14 million shares changed hands after the group confirmed speculation and launched a £114 million agreed bid for the struggling engineer **Davy Corporation**, up 18p at 80p.



Trafalgar is offering 90p a share with 50p down and the balance due once the Ali Baba oil rig contract has been completed. It was the losses on the Ali Baba contract, announced last week, which signalled that Davy was up for grabs. Trafalgar is raising £310 million by a rights issue at 190p a share to finance the deal. It says it needs at least £200 million to invest in Davy during the next few years.

The speculators claimed that the offer is defensive move by Trafalgar and the heavy turnover in its shares suggests that it could still find itself on the receiving end of a bid. **British Aerospace**, 1p firmer at 595p, and **BTR**, 3p better at 385p, have been mentioned as suitors.

Granada, the television broadcaster and leisure group, rallied 4p to 145p with shareholders taking up 77 per cent of its rights issue. Hoare Govett and Warburg Securities jointly placed the rump of 27 million shares in the market at 140p.

ECC, the china and building products group, slipped 2p to 407p despite Hoare Govett becoming more optimistic. **Tarmac** also started to claw-back recent losses with a rise of 6p to 222p. Several brokers have started to raise their profit estimates.

Boots, which owns the high street chemists and the Halfords and Payless DIY chains, fell 9p to 368p amid further concern about prospects. Brokers claim that the group is talking to City analysts and appears to be in a cautious mood.

A further round of profit downgradings is now on the cards. County NatWest WoodMac is still looking for pre-tax profits of £378 million but Cazenove is believed to have already cut its estimate to £350 million.

Payless and Halfords have both performed badly since they were acquired with Ward White in 1989 and there are growing signs that their recovery will be further delayed by the gloomy economic situation.

Payless has been merged with Do It All, but Halfords is finding the going difficult because of the depressed new car market, while the chemists chain has made a slow start to the current year.

The pharmaceuticals division has performed strongly and the quality of its earnings shows signs of improvement but it is unlikely to be able to offset the problems elsewhere in the group.

Marks and Spencer ignored a profits downgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker, with a rise of 3p to 246p. Hoare has cut its forecast for the current year by £15 million to £645 million and for next year by £20 million to £690 million. Hoare blames the difficult conditions in clothes retailing.

DC Gardner, the training and consultancy company, jumped 25p to 79p after receiving a bid approach "substantially in excess" of the market price. The group received a number of approaches this year following its rights issue.

Clarke, Nickolls, the property developer, was unmoved at 55p on the news that Nu-Swift now held almost 30 per cent of the equity.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,208	Cadbury	659	Lloyds	577	Rothmans 'B'	98
Alld-Lyons	1,316	CU	585	Lonrho	1,253	Royal Bank	933
Anglian	134	Courtaulds	1,342	Lucas	3,816	Royal Ins	684
ASDA	1,308	Enterprise	275	M&S	1,592	Sainsbury	689
AB Foods	127	Eurotunnel	31	Maxwell Cm	38	Scot & N	419
Argyll	1,977	Fisons	1,754	MEPC	56	Sears	3,288
Arjo Wigg	1,428	Forte	1,676	Midland	1,042	Severn Trnt	1,824
BAA	1,965	Gen Acc	672	Natl Power	5,028	Shell	2,099
BET	4,627	GEC	3,384	Nat West	3,034	Smith & N	3,797
BTR	1,301	Glaxo	2,170	N W Water	807	SK Beech	1,245
BAT	888	Grand Met	1,815	P&O	302	Sun Allnce	745
Barclays	1,932	GUS 'A'	330	Pearson	529	Tarmac	3,627
Bass	502	GRE	531	Pilkington	2,140	Tate Lyle	913
BICC	1,145	Guinness	1,815	PowerGen	2,547	TSB	409
Bk Scotlnd	988	Hamm 'A'	12	Prudential	1,860	Tesco	2,232
Blue Circle	1,037	Hanson	11,535	Racal	1,853	Thames Wtr	678
BOC	1,137	H & C	243	Rk Hovis	1,161	Thorn EMI	175
Boots	3,210	Hawker	716	Rank	770	Trafalgar	14,243
Br Aero	1,933	Hillsdown	2,058	R&C	161	Ultramar	1,408
Br Airways	1,218	ICI	1,412	Redland	260	Unilever	744
Br Gas	2,904	Kingfisher	1,850	Reed	1,498	United Bis	3,537
Br Petrol	2,425	Lasmo	794	Reuters	397	Wellcome	2,000
Br Steel	4,891	Ladbroke	1,951	RMC Gp	110	Whitbrd	1,551
Br Telecm	2,588	Land Sec	425	RTZ	1,406	Williams	1,944
C&W	1,784	L&G	610	R-Royce	7,164	Willis Cor	142

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

1991 In the first quarter, Bayer Group net sales fell by 1.9 per cent to DM 10,799 million and income before income taxes by 5.4 per cent to DM 880 million.

1990 Bayer Group net sales: DM 41,643 million. Share of sales outside Germany: 78.3 per cent.

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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 89.6 (day's range 89.5-89.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6290-1.6335	1.6290-1.6300	0.78-0.76pr	2.05-2.03pr
Montrl	1.8585-1.8671	1.8595-1.8631	0.48-0.43pr	0.83-0.76pr
Amstrdm	3.2854-3.3009	3.2971-3.3008	¾-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Brussels	59.98-60.39	60.18-60.38	14-10pr	32-27pr
Copnhgn	11.2512-11.3220	11.2987-11.3220	2¼-1⅝pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.0931-1.0962	1.0931-1.0941	17-11pr	41-30pr
Frankft	2.9214-2.9299	2.9265-2.9299	⅜-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Lisbon	253.85-256.15	255.18-256.15	49-84ds	139-189ds
Madrid	182.84-184.28	183.67-184.27	12-20ds	36-45ds
Milan	2172.45-2182.98	2178.38-2182.98	1pr-1ds	par-1ds
Oslo	11.3704-11.4438	11.4144-11.4377	1⅝-½pr	3-2⅝pr
Paris	9.9093-9.9512	9.9369-9.9512	1¼-1pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Stckhlm	10.5476-10.6064	10.5836-10.6064	1⅝-⅝pr	1⅞-1pr
Tokyo	225.78-226.73	225.78-226.08	⅞-⅝pr	2-1⅞pr
Vienna	20.51-20.63	20.60-20.63	5⅞-4⅞pr	11⅝-8⅝pr
Zurich	2.5141-2.5298	2.5266-2.5298	⅞-⅝pr	2-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16271.1-16287.4
Australia dollar	2.1339-2.1373
Bahrain dinar	0.6125-0.6205
Brazil cruzeiro *	498.57-499.38
Cyprus pound	0.786-0.796
Finland marka	6.8925-6.9525
Greece drachma	319.15-322.35
Hong Kong dollar	12.6490-12.6563
India rupee	34.33-34.73
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.5454-4.5499
Mexico peso	4880-4980
New Zealand dollar	2.8368-2.8435
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0925-6.1725
Singapore dollar	2.8897-2.8932
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3805-5.4741
S Africa rand (com)	4.7014-4.7092
U A E dirham	5.965-6.045

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4880-1.4895
Singapore	1.7685-1.7695
Malaysia	2.7818-2.7828
Australia	1.3059-1.3071
Canada	1.1417-1.1422
Sweden	6.4820-6.4870
Norway	6.9900-6.9950
Denmark	6.9120-6.9170
W Germany	1.7912-1.7922
Switzerland	1.5461-1.5468
Netherlands	2.0185-2.0195
France	6.0900-6.0950
Japan	138.65-138.75
Italy	1333.5-1334.5
Belgium (Com)	36.91-36.95
Hong Kong	7.7415-7.7445
Portugal	156.25-156.45
Spain	112.63-112.73
Austria	12.61-12.63

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1991 Agreed rates June 26, 1991 to July 23, 1991 Scheme I: 12.73%. Schemes II & III: 12.87%. Reference rate May 1, 1991 to May 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.587%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11½ . Finance Hse 12
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 8 Week fixed: 11½
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 10 29/32; 3 mth 10¾ . Sell: 2 mth 10 27/32; 3 mth: 10 11/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11⅛-11 1/16	10 29/32-10¾	10 13/16-10⅝	10 7/16-10⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	11 5/16-11⅛	11 7/16-11¼	11 5/16-3/16	11 1/16-11	11-10⅞
Interbank:	11 5/16-11⅛	11 7/16-11¼	11 5/16-3/16	11 1/16-11	11-10⅞
(Overnight: open 11¾, close 9½ .					
Local Authority Deps:	11½	n/a	11 5/16	11	10⅞
Sterling CDs:	11 5/16-11¼	11⅜-11¼	11¼-11 3/16	11 1/16-10⅞	10 15/16-10⅞
Dollar CDs:	6.05-6.00	6.08-6.03	6.12-6.07	6.35-6.30	6.92-6.87
Building Society CDs:	11 13/32-17/32	11 13/32-11 9/32	11 9/32-7/32	11¼-11	11-10⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6-5 13/16	6 3/16-6	6⅜-6 3/16	5¾-5
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	9 1/16-8 15/16	9⅛-9	8½-7½
French Franc:	10⅛-9⅞	10-9¾	10-9¾	9 15/16-13/16	9½-8½
Swiss Franc:	8-7½	8 1/16-7 15/16	8 1/16-7 15/16	8 1/16-7 15/16	8-7
Yen:	8 1/16-7 15/16	8 1/16-7 15/16	7 15/16-13/16	7⅞-7¾	7¼-6½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $362.90-363.40 Close: $363.45-363.85 High: $363.50-364.00
Low: $362.70-363.20 Krugerrand: $363.40-364.40 (£222.00-224.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.25-85.25 (£51.75-52.75) New $84.25-85.25 (£51.75-52.75)
Platinum: $373.25 (£229.20) Silver: $4.38 (£2.685) Palladium: $96.30 (£59.15)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 34629	Jun 91	2452.0	2471.0	2448.0	2458.0	5958
	Sep 91	2491.0	2513.0	2490.0	2499.0	3561
	Dec 91	2547.0	2547.0	2547.0	2540.0	30
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 110831	Sep 91	89.42	89.42	89.37	89.39	20580
	Dec 91	89.74	89.74	89.71	89.72	3745
	Mar 92	89.87	89.88	89.84	89.85	1184
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 29848	Sep 91	93.46	93.47	93.41	93.46	1940
	Dec 91	92.85	92.86	92.82	92.84	540
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 91835	Sep 91	90.85	90.85	90.82	90.84	12939
	Dec 91	91.01	91.01	90.97	90.97	5085
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 9612	Sep 91	92-19	92-20	92-15	92-15	711
	Dec 91				91-24	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 37129	Jun 91				89-13	0
	Sep 91	89-19	89-21	89-13	89-14	10865
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	94.87	94.90	94.77	94.81	742
	Dec 91				95.08	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 71029	Sep 91	85.58	85.62	85.48	85.51	27690
	Dec 91	85.76	85.80	85.75	85.74	182
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 3900	Sep 91	90.26	90.27	90.20	90.23	472
	Dec 91	90.50	90.51	90.48	90.49	87

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Jul	576-575	Jul	546-544	Aug	224.0-22.0
Sep	611-610	Sep	575-574	Oct	193.6-92.8
Dec	655-654	Nov	597-596	Dec	188.4-85.0
Mar	695-693	Jan	617-615	Mar	187.4-86.0
May	718-717	Mar	634-632	May	189.2-86.0
Jul	738-737	May	unq	Aug	192.2-87.0
Sep	759-758	Jul	unq		
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GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	112.90	Sep	111.20	Aug	136.30
Nov	115.85	Nov	114.75	Oct	137.50
Jan	119.70	Jan	118.10	Dec	140.00
Mar	123.15	Mar	121.00	Feb	142.50
May	126.25	May	122.70	Apr	143.80
Vol:	29	Vol:	70	Vol:	70

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 530

Oct ($/tonne)	Open: unq	Close: 79.5
Apr	110.0	109.8
May	unq	118.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.75	117.37	108.12
(+/–)	–6.18	*–8.72	–1.93
Eng/Wales:	76.66	117.43	106.38
(+/–)	–6.91	–8.78	–2.35
(%)	–11.7	–11.3	–10.3
Scotland:	89.40	116.57	114.34
(+/–)	–0.57	–8.64	+0.63
(%)	–35.8	–35.2	–30.9

** Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Jun	Open:	unq
	Close:	114.5
Jul	Open:	unq
	Close:	104.5
Aug	Open:	105.0
	Close:	104.5

Volume: 70

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1364.0-1365.0	1381.0-1382.0	330100
Lead (£/tonne)	342.00-342.50	345.00-346.00	54750
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1038.0-1038.5	1055.0-1056.0	209300
Tin ($/tonne)	5685.0-5675.0	5755.0-5760.0	6465
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1287.0-1288.0	1320.0-1321.0	698300
Nickel ($/tonne):	8335.0-8340.0	8330.0-8334.0	21006

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Jul	139.40	140.40
Aug	140.00	141.00
Sep	140.20	141.20

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LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

A confusing and therefore thinly traded day whilst the market waited for the American Stats.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.10	–0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.10	–0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.10	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.10	+0.10

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	243 (–5)	247 (–5)
Gasoil EEC	172 (–4)	173 (–4)
Non EEC 1H Jul	176 (–3)	177 (–3)
Non EEC 1H Aug	177 (–3)	178 (–3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	85 (–1)	86 (–1)
Naphtha	181 (–3)	184 (–3)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Jul	171.00-70.75	Nov	177.25-77.00
Aug	171.75-71.50	Dec	178.25-78.00
Sep	173.50-73.00	Jan	175.75-75.50
Oct	175.25-75.00		

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BRENT

Jul	18.00-18.10	Sep	18.40-18.50
Aug	18.25-18.30		

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BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 91	1700	1690	1703
Jul 91	1650	1600	1601
Oct 91	1696	1645	1646
Jan 92	1660	1680	1658

Vol: 484 lots Open interest: 3098
Dry cargo index 1708 +6

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Court of Appeal

Challenging refusal of leave to enter

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte Muboyayi

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Taylor

[Reasons June 25]

Where a person detained pending removal from the United Kingdom sought to challenge the underlying administrative decision refusing him leave to enter, his proper course was to apply for judicial review of that decision and not to seek the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus.*

The Court of Appeal so stated giving reasons for allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Chief Adjudication Officer, Gatwick Airport, from Mr Justice Brooke who, on the application of Bioli Muboyayi, a citizen of Zaire seeking political asylum who had been refused leave to enter the United Kingdom and detained pending removal to France, had issued a writ of *habeas corpus* requiring the Chief Adjudication Officer at Gatwick Airport to produce the applicant before the High Court on June 19.

Mr Robert Jay for the Secretary of State and the Chief Immigration Officer; Mr Michael Shrimpton and Miss Judith Maxwell for the applicant.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the applicant had left Zaire, travelling first to Italy and then to France before arriving in the United Kingdom where he sought leave to enter. He was refused leave, given notice of intention to remove him to France and was detained pending such removal.

The Home Office rejected representations that his application for asylum would not be properly considered by France.

He applied for the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus* shortly before he was to be removed. On the hearing, the judge asked for an undertaking that the removal would be delayed until he had had an opportunity of considering the matter.

Mr Jay, having no express authority to give such an undertaking, and fearing that it might not have been practicable to prevent the removal, declined to do so. His Lordship emphasised that in the unusual circumstances Mr Jay was in no way to be criticised for the position he had adopted.

The essence of Mr Jay's argument on the appeal was that the proper procedure for advancing the applicant's complaint was to seek leave to apply for judicial review of the decision to refuse leave to enter, and that unless and until that decision was quashed the applicant's detention was unimpeachable.

Mr Shrimpton argued that on the return of a writ of *habeas corpus* the court was not limited to a consideration of errors on the face of the warrant of detention but could and would investigate whether the warrant was properly issued.

In the present case, that involved considering the justification for refusing leave to enter. He asserted that an applicant such as the present applicant had a choice of whether to seek leave to apply for judicial review or to seek a writ of *habeas corpus.*

The Court of Appeal considered that the applicant's complaints ought to be determined as early as possible and invited him the apply for leave to move for judicial review direct to the appellate court (see *Chief Adjudication Officer and Another v Foster* (*The Times* February 28, 1991)) so that that court was seised of both the appeal and an application for leave to seek judicial review.

It was clear law that where the power to detain was dependent on the existence of a particular state of affairs (a precedent fact) and the existence of that fact was challenged by the detainee, a challenge to the detention might be mounted by means of an application for the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus* even if there were alternative procedures available: see *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74).

Here the right to detain depended on the facts that the applicant was a person who might be required to submit to examination under paragraph 2 of the second Schedule to the Immigration Act 1971 and was detained pending a decision to grant or refuse leave to enter and/or he was a person in respect of whom directions might be given under paragraphs 8 to 14 and he was detained pending such directions and any consequent removal.

However, unlike *Khawaja,* the existence of the precedent facts was not challenged. The applicant's challenge was different, namely that although he was liable to be examined and was examined and although on the conclusion of the examination he was refused leave to enter and directions were given for his removal he should not have been refused leave to enter and no question of his removal should have arisen.

In other words, there was no challenge to jurisdiction, but only to a prior underlying administrative decision. That was a quite different challenge and unless and until it succeeded there were no grounds for impugning the legality of the detention.

His Lordship referred to *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Cheblak* (*The Times* February 7, 1991; [1991] 2 All ER 319) where the applicant had sought leave to apply for judicial review and for a writ of *habeas corpus.* The Court of Appeal had held that the latter remedy was not available.

His Lordship had said that a writ of *habeas corpus* would issue where someone was detained without any authority or the purported authority was beyond the powers of the person authorising the detention and so was unlawful.

The remedy of judicial review was available where the decision sought to be impugned was within the powers of the person taking it, but due to procedural error, a misappreciation of the law, a failure to take account of relevant matters, the taking into account of irrelevant matters or the fundamental unreasonableness of the decision, it should never have been taken.

In such a case, his Lordship had said that the decision was lawful until set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction. In the case of detention, if the warrant or the underlying decision to deport were set aside but the detention continued, a writ of *habeas corpus* would have issued.

Turning to the present case, his Lordship had no doubt that, subject to one important qualification, the application which should have been made to Mr Justice Brooke was for leave to apply for judicial review and not for the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus.*

The qualification arose out of Mr Jay's refusal to give the undertaking to which his Lordship had referred. That refusal fully justified the issue of the writ but it should have been coupled with an application for leave to apply for judicial review.

The evolution of the new and extended system of judicial review under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court with its built-in safeguards justified the court in confining the ambit of the writ of *habeas corpus* as his Lordship had described in *Cheblak*'s case.

The court should not permit a would-be immigrant to be compulsorily removed from its jurisdiction if he had sought the protection and assistance of the court and the result would be to render any subsequent order quashing a decision to refuse leave to enter less effective.

That raised the question of how it should be done. His Lordship referred *inter alia* to *R v Secretary of State for Education and Science, Ex parte Avon County Council* ([1991] 1 QB 558) where the Court of Appeal had held that the court had jurisdiction to stay a decision of the secretary of state.

Since any compulsory removal necessarily involved some deprivation of the liberty of the person concerned, a writ of *habeas corpus* was an obvious alternative remedy. The effect of service of such a writ was to make the jailer responsible to the court in place of the authority which ordered the detention, leaving it to the court to determine on the return of the writ whether the detention should or should not contine.

If it were to be objected and shown that the use of a writ of *habeas corpus quia timet* was a novelty, so be it. The greatest and oldest of all prerogative writs was quite capable of adapting itself to the circumstances of the times.

An alternative might be to revive and adapt the writ of *ne exeat regno* to suit a situation in which, far from wishing to leave the jurisdiction, someone was being compulsorily removed.

Before the appellate court, Mr Jay was able to give an undertaking that the applicant would not be removed on or before June 24. In those circumstances the rationale for the issue of the writ of *habeas corpus* disappeared. At the conclusion of argument on June 19 the court had indicated that the appeal would be allowed, and the writ set aside.

His Lordship considered and would dismiss the application for leave to apply for judicial review of the decision refusing leave to enter.

Lord Justice Glidewell delivered a judgment concurring in the result and Lord Justice Taylor concurred with the Master of the Rolls.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Wilson & Co, Tottenham.

Binding nature of decree absolute

Callaghan v Hanson Fox and Another

A decree absolute of divorce granted by a court of competent jurisdiction following the correct procedural requirements was unimpeachable. A decree absolute affected status and was binding on both the parties and on the world.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, so stated on June 19 in dismissing an action by Mr Robert Callaghan who sought to set aside a decree absolute of divorce made on May 12, 1977 following an undefended petition filed by his former wife, now deceased, on the ground that the marriage had irretrievably broken down, the parties having lived apart for more than two years. The husband had consented to the decree being granted.

THE PRESIDENT said that the plaintiff pleaded that he and his wife had never ceased to live together and were still living together at the time of her death in January 1986. He pleaded that the facts in the petition were false and the decree had been obtained by fraud. The plaintiff had not appealed or sought leave to appeal in the divorce suit.

In *Bater v Bater* ([1906] P 209) the Court of Appeal had emphasised the conclusive binding status of a decree absolute. In that case it had been pointed out that a decree absolute affected status and was equivalent to a judgment *in rem.*

It was in the public interest that a decree absolute should be unimpeachable where there no question as to the jurisdiction of the court and there had been no procedural irregularity.

It was not open to the plaintiff to challenge the validity of the decree. The proceedings were misconceived and an abuse of the process of the court.

Court of Appeal

Execution of a valuable security

Regina v King
Regina v Chinn
Regina v Webley
Regina v Neads
Regina v Cunningham

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Jowitt

[Reasons June 21]

Guidance to courts for determining by three stages whether the wide terms of section 20(2)(3) of the Theft Act 1968 applied to a document was provided by the Court of Appeal when giving reasons for having dismissed appeals against conviction for offences of procuring by deception the execution of a valuable security, a clearing house automated payment system (CHAPS) order, contrary to section 20(2).

The stages were: (i) to identify what the document did; (ii) then to ask whether it fell within any part of the definition of "valuable security" in section 20(3); (iii) if it did, then to ask, bearing in mind the wide terms of section 20(2), whether in respect in which the document was a valuable security, it had been executed.

The appeals were brought by Hugh Allen King, aged 43, a surveyor, Brian Leonard Chinn, aged 49, a mortgage broker, Peter John Webley, aged 42, a solicitor, Frederick William Bernard Neads, aged 51 and Anthony Kenneth John Cunningham, aged 39, against conviction after a 55-day trial at Bristol Crown Court (Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and a jury) of various offences of procuring the execution of a valuable security by deception, contrary to section 20(2).

Chinn, who was charged also with obtaining property by deception and was said to be the ringleader, changed his plea after a ruling by the trial judge.

Also convicted, among others, was William Elstone Bird, aged 60, manager of the National Westminster Bank, who did not appeal.

King was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment on each count concurrent, Chinn to 3½ years concurrent and ordered to pay £25,000 costs, Webley to 2½ years concurrent, Neads to 12 months on one count and Cunningham to six months concurrent. On appeal Neads's sentence was reduced to nine months.

Section 20 provides: "(2) A person who dishonestly, with a view to gain for himself or another or with intent to cause loss to another, by any deception procures the execution of a valuable security shall on conviction . . . be liable to imprisonment . . . and this subsection shall apply in relation to the making, acceptance, endorsement, alteration, cancellation or destruction in whole or in part of a valuable security, and in relation to the signing or sealing of any paper or other material in order that it may be made or converted into, or used or dealt with as, a valuable security, as if that were the execution of a valuable security.

"(3) For the purposes of this section . . . 'valuable security' means any document creating, transferring, surrendering or releasing any right to, in or over property, or authorising the payment of money or delivery of any property, or evidencing the creation, transfer, surrender or release of any such right, or the payment of money or delivery of any property, or the satisfaction of any obligation."

Mr Ian D. Pringle for King; Mr Nigel Hamilton, QC, for Chinn; Mr B. Nicholas O'Brien for Webley; Mr Roderick Denyer, QC, for Neads; Mr E. Mark Treneer for Cunningham, all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr Adrian Palmer for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reasons of the court, said that the appeals against conviction were on a point of law that the trial judge was wrong in ruling that each CHAPS order was a valuable security and had been executed.

It was undisputed that mortgage advances had been obtained from the bank by means of a series of dishonest representations, including false valuations of property, the use of fictitious names and sham intermediaries.

The CHAPS order effected an instantaneous transfer between the payer's bank account and the payee's account in another bank. In one of the counts the National Westminster Bank Fishponds Road branch in Bristol was induced by a fraudulent valuation of £98,000 to advance £81,000 to Cunningham, who was said to require the money towards the purchase of six self-contained apartments at an address in Bristol.

He was said to be a client of Webley's firm, who had asked for the £81,000 advanced by the bank to Cunningham to be remitted to them first thing on July 19, 1985. On July 18 a CHAPS order was made out by the bank's employees.

It was on two sides of an A4 sheet of paper. The first side and a half contained the paying customer's instructions, signed by or on behalf of the customer.

The second part, headed "For bank use only", read: "Payment keyed in by" with an indecipherable signature; "Outward payment checked by" with an indecipherable signature; and "Branch signatures" with an indecipherable signature.

Attached to that document, and part of the same exhibit was what appeared to be a computer printout headed by the paying bank sorting code number and reading "Payment released," follwed by the outward payment reference number from the CHAPS form followed by the time, followed by the words "Payment accepted".

Mr Hamilton's arguments, adopted by all the appellants, was that the CHAPS order did not come within the definition of "valuable security", despite the wide terms of section 20(3).

The fact that that wide definition might serve to include some documents which without it might not have been thought to be valuable securities did not weaken its effect.

The CHAPS order was certainly a document. Its effect was to direct the paying bank to debit the paying customer's account with £X, plus any charges, and to transfer the £X to the credit of the payee's account at another bank and to do so by means of an electronic device which would carry out the necesary operations as soon as the staff of the paying bank keyed the information contained in the document into the machine and put the machine into operation.

Mr Palmer suggested that the CHAPS order, certainly when completed, fell within a number of the categories of valuable securities set out in section 20(3).

It created or transferred a right to property; it authorised the payment of money; it evidenced the creation or transfer of a right to property; it evidenced the payment of money; it evidenced the delivery of property and the satisfaction of an obligation.

Arguments for the appellants ignored the reality of what happened when a CHAPS order was processed. A credit of £X over which the paying customer had a right before the order was processed, whether or not conditions attached to the exercise of that right, was now available, not to him but to the payee.

To argue that the transfer was the result simply of the actions of the bank officials was analogous to arguing that a cheque, uncontestably a valuable security, was not efficacious to transfer property because there had to be bank activity before a credit appeared in the payee's account.

In their Lordships' judgment, a CHAPS order, once processed, and bearing the bank officials' signatures which signified that it had been processed, was a document which transferred a right over property, that is, the bank credit, being a chose in action. It also created the right over the chose.

Once the necessary signatures had been appended to show that the transfer had been effected, the document did both evidence the creation and the transfer of a right over property. It also evidenced the satisfaction of an obligation, namely, the obligation of the bank to act on the instructions of its paying customer to effect the transfer.

The document before their Lordships did come within the definition of a valuable security.

The following ingredients of the offence under section 20(2) were satisfied: (i) dishonesty, (ii) with a view to gain for himself or another; (iii) deception and (iv) the valuable security.

That left the only other question to be answered: Had the prosecution proved that the dishonest deceptions "procured the execution" of the CHAPS order?

In the light of *R v Nanayakkara* ([1987] 1 WLR 265), *R v Beck* ([1985] 1 WLR 122) and *R v Kassim* ([1988] Crim LR 372) "execution" now bore the broad meaning established by that line of authority.

It accordingly seemed to their Lordships that there plainly was an "execution" of the CHAPS order in the present case when the bank officials carried out their intructions by keying the transfer into the computer and then completing the form.

Even if that was wrong, the signing of the CHAPS order by the bank officials in order, and certainly with the consequence, that it might be used or dealt with as evidence and accordingly as a valuable security, meant that under the terms of section 20(2) there was what amounted to the equivalent of "execution".

The judge was correct in his ruling on the submissions which had been made to him. For those reasons the appeals against conviction were dismissed.

Their Lordships added by way of guidance to courts which had to consider the application of section 20(2) and (3) to a document that there were three stages to the process.

The first was to identify what the document did. The second, in the light of that, was to ask whether the document fell within any part of the definition of valuable security as provided by section 20(3). If it did, then the third stage was to ask, bearing in mind the wide terms of section 20(2), whether, in the respect in which the document was a valuable security, it had been executed.

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مطابقة للأصل

هكذا امده الأصل

The rich are feeling the pinch in Spain. You can take your pick of properties from a wildlife reserve to an apartment complete with golf course

For sale: a slice of the good life

The latest offer on the Costa del Sol is not for the penny-pincher but it might tempt the environment-conscious millionaire.

Where else can you live among deer and pheasant on your own wildlife reserve in the warm climate of southern Spain, within minutes by car from the coast, with its abundance of beaches, yacht basins, restaurants and casinos?

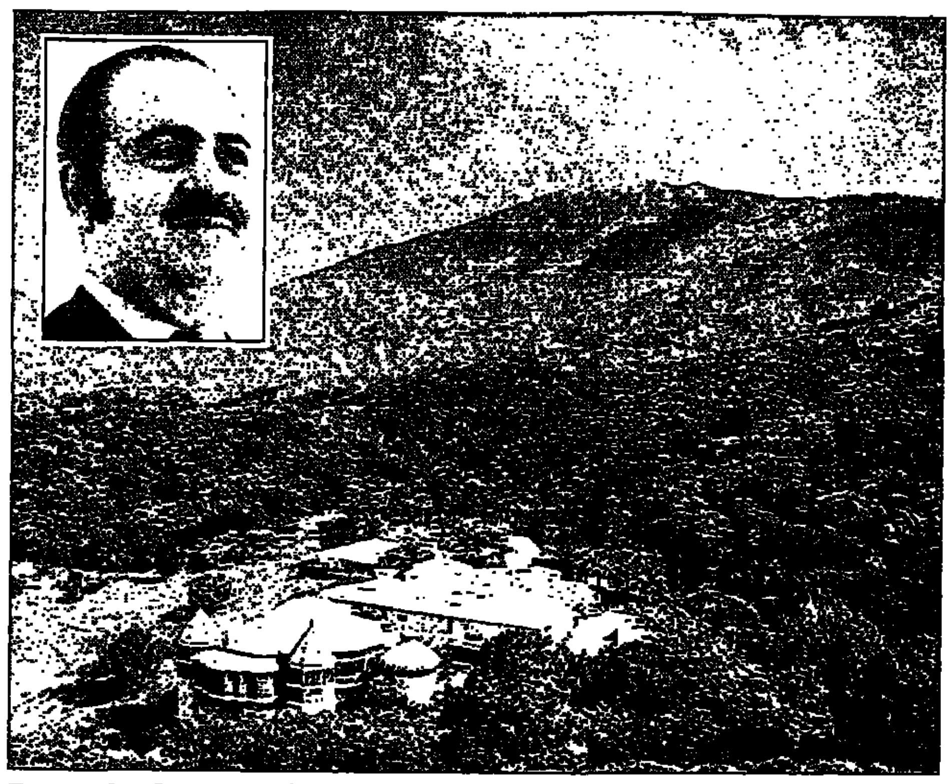
When Adnan Khashoggi, the arms dealer, ran short of cash, the National Commerce Bank of Jedda, in Saudi Arabia, foreclosed the mortgage on his lovely 2,200 acre La Baraka estate in the steep wooded hills between Marbella and Ronda.

The property, teeming with wildlife, has now been put up for sale by Khalida Finance, a company formed by Spanish and international investors, private and corporate, under the aegis of the Exterior Bank, Zurich.

The managing director of the company, which is in the process of becoming a Spanish corporation, is José Antonio Goñi, a Navarran businessman. The estate will be sold jointly to a limited number of co-proprietors, and the deeds are worded so as to guarantee that it will remain an ecological oasis on this crowded coast.

Renamed La Zagaleta, after the spring from which it gets most of its water, the estate, near the tiny white town of Benahavis, lies just off the Ronda road, 12 miles from Marbella. The sprawling, low, Mediterranean-style mansion was built by a former owner and most of the impressive original furnishings are still in place.

The mansion is to be the clubhouse for the use of co-proprietors and some non-resident members. The exclusiveness is assured by the appointment of Count Rudi von Schönburg as its manager.



Fancy a plot of green paradise? the Spanish estate once owned by Adnan Khashoggi (inset)

The count was the director of the Marbella Club for more than 20 years.

At La Zagaleta, an 18-hole golf course is being built. A huge ballroom, a restaurant, a bowling alley, a basement pistol-firing range, a private discothèque and a stable of pure-bred Arab and Spanish-Arab horses, will eventually be co-owned by not more than 200 proprietors.

Only 20 per cent of the entire estate will be used for the construction of owners' homes and gardens. The rest will stay covered by forests of cork and oak and populated by about 1,000 animals, including deer, chamois, mountain goats and wild sheep, as well as smaller animals and many species of birds. As well as having a nature park, the estate has facilities for game shooting; pheasants and other birds are bred in cages for release.

A 54,000 sq ft building lot, the smallest on offer, costs 75 million pesetas (about £412,000), and, to protect the wildlife, the total floorspace of homes to be built here is limited to 10 per cent of the area purchased.

HARRY DEBELIUS

Handicap for some — a dream home for others

Even the rich who have bought second or third homes in Spain are feeling the effects of the recession. Sales on the Costa del Sol, where many millionaires have bought second or third homes, have virtually ceased.

The Gulf war — there is a strong Middle Eastern presence in and around Marbella — set a seal on a diminishing market that started slowing down two years ago. Some would-be vendors are cutting prices by up to a third.

The Costa Blanca, which has had a reputation as a retirement haven for less-wealthy British, has long been suffering from a decline in the market. At the height of the British property boom in the Eighties, people could sell their family homes in Britain, buy a reasonably priced home on Spain's eastern coastline and invest the rest to supplement their income.

Since prices in Britain have fallen so dramatically, however, more and more would-be Spanish sun worshippers are having to wait until the UK market improves before they buy their Costa Blanca dream home.

On the Costa del Sol, Tony Jacklin, the British golfer, recently sold his sumptuous villa at Sotogrande for about £450,000. He had been asking £750,000.

Fincasol, which also has offices at Sotogrande, and a British base in Fishguard, has a long list of resales within and around Sotogrande, including a two-bedroom marina penthouse for £158,000, reduced from £240,000.

Los Castillos is a golf course scheme of 90 apartments west of Estepona and eight miles east of Sotogrande. The complex, overlooking the first and ninth fairway of the Duquesa course, is complete, and half the units are sold. Prices for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom home start at £97,000 and rise to £227,000 for a penthouse.

The developer, Taylor Woodrow, includes a golf club share in the purchase price, which entitles two people to unlimited golf and a further four people use of the club facilities, which include squash, tennis, a swimming-pool, gym and a restaurant.

DIANA WILDMAN

- *Fincasol, 9 Windy Hall, Fishguard, Dyfed, Wales SA65 9DP (0348 874361); Taylor Woodrow International, Western House, Western Avenue, London W5 1EU (081-991 3200)*

Greens galore: Duquesa country club near Los Castillos

OVERSEAS PROPERTIES

French properties offered by private owners through the French magazine "De Particulier à Particulier"

DE PARTICULIER A PARTICULIER

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* **Brittany.** Morbihan. Near Gourin. 2-storey mansion house. Living room with fireplace, mezzanine, 4 bedrooms. Bathroom, central heating. Spacious outbuildings to convert. Large attic. 2 ha adjoining grounds. 550 000 FF. REF708
* **Gironde.** Queyrac. Medoc area, near Royan. 20 min. from beaches. Medoc-style house set in 1 200 sqm grounds. Kitchen + scullery. Large living room with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, well, attic, outbuildings, garage. 370 000 FF. Tel. : 56.59.82.04 REF710
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* **Brittany.** Morbihan. Lanester-Lorient 5-room villa. 100 m2, set in 464 sqm grounds Comfortable, 4 bedrooms, garage, pantry 750 000 FF. Tel · 1.48.35 40 08 or 1 48.37 17 72 REF726
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* **Brittany.** Morbihan. Picturesque. 30 min. from beaches, port and airport. Old farmhouse renovated. Living room with large fireplace, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, yard, outbuildings. Meadow, wood. 900 000 FF. REF730 PH.

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* **Sarthe.** Beaumont-sur-Sarthe. Ancient single storey house, 125 sqm habitable, fireplace, beams. Set in 700 sqm grounds. 45 sqm garage, oil heating. Railway station 1 km, shops 500 m Near river. 450 000 FF. REF723
* **Normandy.** Eure, Bois-le-Roi. Paris 80 km. Near Anet-Ezy-sur-Eure. House set in 1 900 sqm wooded grounds. Ground floor : living room with fireplace, kitchen, bathroom. Upstairs : 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 attics. Oil central heating, garage. 750 000 FF. Tel. : 1.47.20.24.26 or 1.43.26.99.05 after 8 pm. REF731
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* **Paris.** 18.arrondissement. Montmartre. Junot avenue Original 185 sqm duplex Architect designed. Large living room, study. Equipped kitchen. Laundry. 2 bedrooms, 2 showers, jacuzzi bath. Dressing room. Storage room. Garage possible. Price on request Tel : 1.42.59.35.60 (home). 1.46 08.01.29 (office). REF740
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* **Var.** Lavandou Seaside, 84 sqm flat 3 bedrooms, living room with large loggia. 1st floor in a 4th floor block of flats Near Bormes port. Wide view onto the sea. 920 000 FF. REF757
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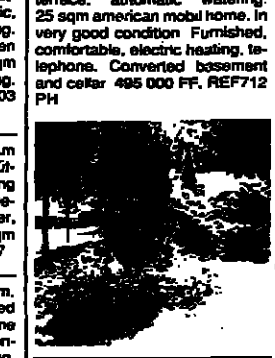

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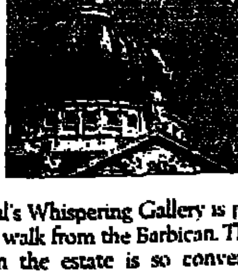

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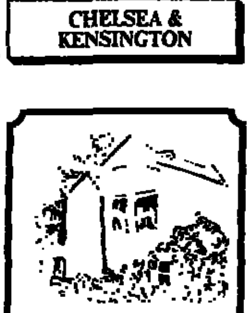

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Why it's all quiet on the waterfront

Offices built beside rivers and canals keeps staff happy, reports Christopher Warman

More commercial properties are being built with a view of water, which can enhance an office environment and perhaps have a calming effect on the workforce.

Such developments are expected in the docklands areas of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff and Bristol, but Birmingham is a less likely place to lead the waterside revival. The largest of the new waterside developments transforming the city centre's extensive canal network is Waterlinks, a 330-acre business village project in the Birmingham Heartlands regeneration area.

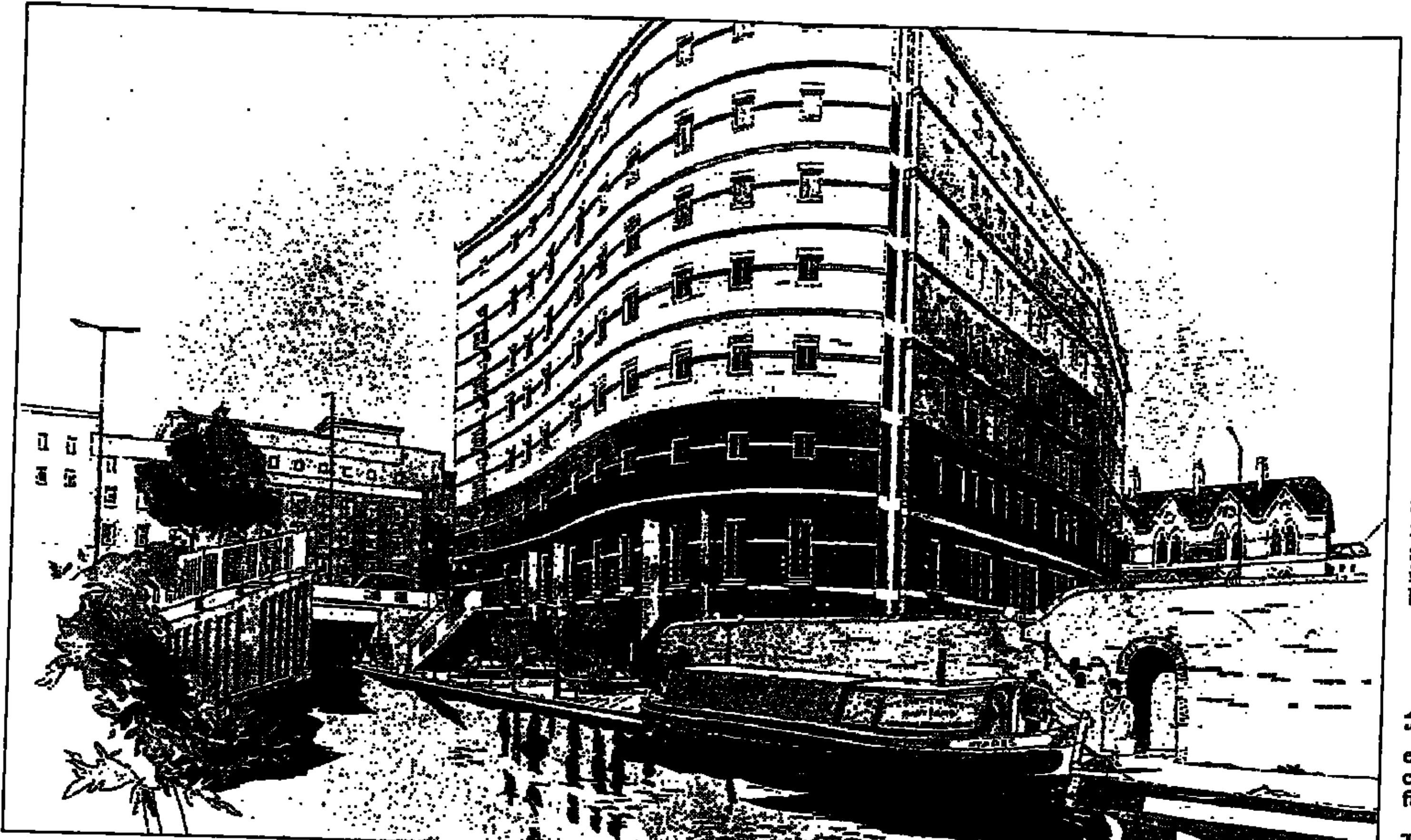
Peter Burford, Waterlinks' chief executive, was one of the first developers to capitalise on a waterfront location when he built The Wharf offices overlooking Gas Street Basin in the mid Eighties. He now sees the business landscape changing dramatically.

He says: "At the turn of the century most factories were turning their backs to the canal. A hundred years later, business districts will overlook water."

The Waterlinks scheme, including up to a million sq ft of business accommodation, is being undertaken by a consortium of four construction companies — Bryant, Douglas, Tarmac and Wimpey — and will occupy more than a mile of frontage to the Birmingham and Fazeley canal. Aston Cross, the initial 160,000 sq ft canalside scheme, is already half-built, and much of it is occupied or under offer.

Gas Street Basin and the area around the recently opened International Convention Centre is the focus for much of the city's waterside plans. Rosehaugh is proposing a £250 million leisure and office complex on 26 acres at Brindley Place alongside the canal, opposite the centre, and a former steel stockholding building at Mill Wharf has been redeveloped as more than 20,000 sq ft of offices.

Stewart Sim, British Waterways' regional manager, is heartened by the attention that developers and the city authority are now paying to Birmingham's long neglected canal system. As part of the Inner City Partnership, British Waterways is spearheading vast improvements and developments on the city's canals through a comprehensive programme that is transforming the network into a business and tourist attraction.


Curves designed to follow the canal contours: an artist's impression of Summer Court, a striking office building planned for Birmingham

One of the most striking new buildings will be Summer Court, 100,000 sq ft of offices on a canalside site next to St Chad's Cathedral. The scheme, by Rowanmoor (Birmingham), will accommodate 650 people. The building has a curved side wall to follow the contours of the Birmingham and Fazeley canal, and a piazza will link it with the International Convention Centre via a towpath walk.

The Great Bridgewater Street development in Manchester, undertaken by Beazer and Manchester city council, includes 250,000 sq ft in two buildings and a further 118,000 sq ft in the refurbished Free Trade Hall, and shops, housing and leisure facilities around a newly created canal basin.

Andrew Shaw, of Jones Lang Wootton, the joint agents with Lambert Smith Hampton, says: "The reopening of the canal will enhance the topography of the site, creating a waterside environment full of life, colour and activity."

On the river at Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, the Offer Group has completed the main phase of Burgoine Quay, near the town centre. The first phase has been pre-let. The main phase, 9,000 sq ft, overlooks the Thames and has its own mooring. A further 9,000 sq ft, in buildings of about 3,000 sq ft, are soon to be completed. Weatherall Green & Smith and Cotton Commercial Kingston are asking a rental of £25 a sq ft.

IN THE MARKET

☐ Lynton has completed its office development, the Lansdowne Building, the first of a new generation of high-specification offices to be built in the heart of Croydon, Surrey. The 110,000 sq ft granite-façade building, on nine floors, designed by Seifert, is within the town's central business core. The letting agent, Knight Frank & Rutley, is seeking tenants for the building as a whole at a rent of £3.25 million a year, equating to £29.35 a sq ft. The agent says that no modern buildings of a similar size will be available in Croydon for at least a year.

☐ An £18 million scheme for the refurbishment and redevelopment of Caxton Hall in Westminster, formerly London's main register office for the weddings of the famous, has been granted planning permission by Westminster council. The scheme, by Stakis Land & Estates, designed by the Fletcher Joseph partnership of architects, involves the retention of the whole of the listed ornate front on Caxton Street and redevelopment of the disused and redundant buildings on the site to provide a new 42,300 sq ft headquarters office building. The Victorian red-brick register office building, next to Stakis's St Ermin's hotel, is to be converted to eight residential apartments.

☐ Woodlands is an office development of 22,000 sq ft by Dovemill Properties, built on the site of a former laundry in the centre of Newbury, Berkshire. Woodlands was designed by Lyon, Sleeman and Hoare, a firm of local architects, and is a three-storey building in brick, approached through a two-storey gatehouse. This is Dovemill's second scheme in Newbury. The agents are Dreweatt-Neate, of Newbury, and the London-based Mellersh & Harding.

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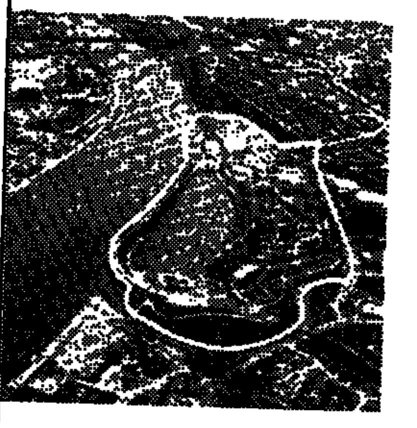

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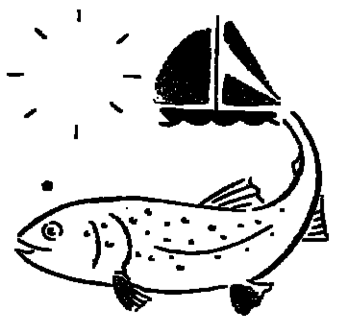

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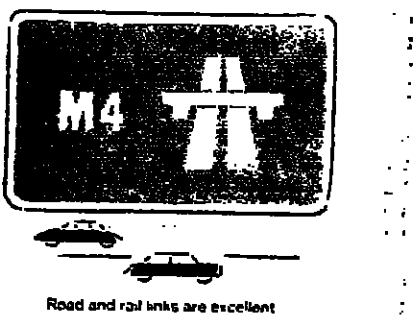

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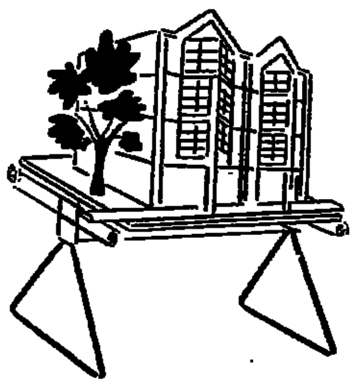

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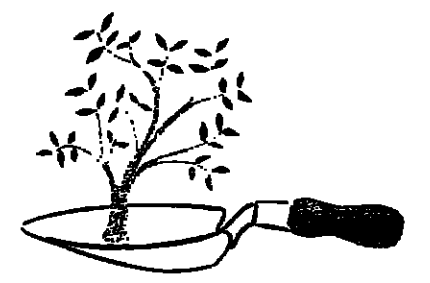

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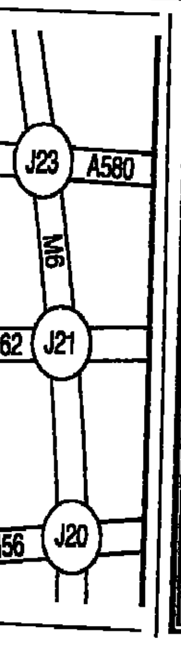

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The long and heroic route to success

Today, the public take the maps of Britain for granted, but it was a long struggle before the pioneer organisation was set up. **John Young** charts its history

From the time he first learnt to create images, man has felt the need to draw maps, to plot his supposed whereabouts in relation to the vast unknown that surrounds him. To start with, maps were almost entirely speculative, a primitive version of the "here be dragons" approach to what could only be guessed at.

Early civilisations, such as the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Chinese and the Phoenicians, improved the process, but the knowledge that voyagers acquired on their travels was limited, and supplemented by imagination. From Greek and Roman times to the Middle Ages, cartography was not so much a science as a statement of opinion.

A reasonably accurate plan could be drawn of one's immediate locality, village or encampment. But as for what lay beyond the distant mountains and oceans, a man could fantasise. The idea that the earth was a sphere had been around since the days of ancient Greece, but even when the Renaissance geographer, Gerardus Mercator, produced his famous atlas, not everybody believed him. The explorers and adventurers of the Elizabethan age sailed into the unknown, but often came back with only the sketchiest idea of how they had got there.

But charting distant oceans was one thing; the lack of a good land map, could be "devilish" inconvenient when it came to fighting a war. After he suppressed the Jacobite rebellion in 1746, the Duke of Cumberland let it be known that his task of pacifying the Highlands would be easier if he and his men could find their way around. The Duke convinced his father, George III, to commission a survey, and William Roy, a Scotsman, was briefed to ensure "that a country so inaccessible by nature should be thoroughly explored and laid open, by the establishing of military posts in its innermost recesses, and carrying roads of communication to its remotest parts." Plans to extend the exercise to the rest of Scotland were shelved as it became apparent that the main threat came not from rebellious highlanders, but from the growing might of France. Roy, meanwhile, had begun a career as a military surveyor, engineer and archaeologist.

In 1763 he put forward proposals for a national survey, requiring detailed knowledge of the coastline and the positions to be occupied during an invasion. The suggestion was rejected on the grounds of cost. Two years later Roy was appointed surveyor-general for the coasts, and he resubmitted proposals for a national survey. Again the government decided it could not afford it.

He tried once more in 1776, only to be rebuffed. By then, however, he was a member of the Royal Society, which, in 1784, commissioned him to measure out a five-mile base line on Hounslow Heath, west of London, and to link the royal observatories in Greenwich and Paris by triangulation, the basis of all modern scientific survey work. The King gave his blessing to the project, and Roy was able to use a magnificent theodolite, with a 3ft diameter circle, built by Jessie Ramsden, the leading instrument maker. The survey was carried through Kent to the Channel coast, and connected to the French triangulation. The exercise was a success and prompted Roy to call anew for a national survey to be undertaken. He died in June 1790, one year before the foundation of the Ordnance Survey of which, had he lived, he would certainly have been the first director-general.

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Fortunately, his words had not fallen entirely on deaf ears. On June 21, 1791, the Duke of Richmond, master general of the Board of Ordnance, ordered the purchase of a new Ramsden theodolite. Surveyors and cartographers were recruited for the new trigonometrical survey of the Board of Ordnance at the Tower of London and placed under the direction of Major Edward Williams and Lieutenant William Mudge.

The first OS map, of Kent, on a scale of 1in to the mile, was published on January 1 1801. The map was for military use, and it was not until the threat of invasion subsided after Nelson's victory at Trafalgar that the OS was able to produce maps with wider appeal.

Mudge died in office in 1820, to be succeeded by Thomas Colby, who established himself as one of the great figures in OS history. One of his first moves, in 1825, was to take his staff to Ireland to survey local boundaries for taxation purposes. They covered the island from north to south, producing the first maps on a 6in scale, initially of the city and surroundings of Londonderry. Colby set up an eight-mile base line along the eastern shore of Lough Foyle. When the base line was measured with modern equipment in the Sixties, Colby's calculations were found to be only 1in adrift over the entire eight-mile length.

During this period, OS maps gained a reputation for their degree of accuracy and technical brilliance.

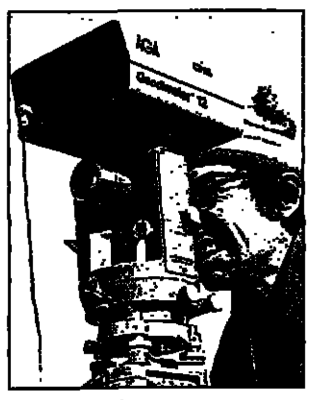
On October 31, 1841, the Tower of London was severely damaged by fire, and the OS offices were destroyed. A new home was found in Southampton. The move coincided with a growing appreciation of the value of maps for military, electoral and taxation purposes, as well as for public works. But the new users had different requirements. The 1in scale was no longer suitable for engineers planning the routes of new railways or for defining boundaries, but a scale of 6in to a mile was too small for, say, sewer construction in urban areas. The survey of London, instigated in 1848, used 60in a mile.

The dispute became known as the Battle of the Scales. It was resolved only after a 20-year debate when the Treasury sanctioned an agreement whereby moorland and mountain areas would be mapped on a scale of 6in to the mile, rural areas at 25in and built-up areas at 50in.

The director-general who had succeeded Thomas Colby was Major-General Sir Henry James, a man of great ability, but also an egotist. James deserves to be acknowledged for his achievements, notably the introduction of photography as an aid to map reproduction, and for the international reputation that the OS acquired as it extended its operations outside the British Isles.

In 1869 it undertook a survey of Sinai, with the help of a £500 grant from the War Office and a brief to "elucidate on the topography of the Exodus". At about the same time it was engaged in the important task of defining the 49th Parallel, which defined the boundary between Canada and the United States west of the Great Lakes. The surveyors were escorted across the prairies by a United States 7th Cavalry detachment, later to meet disaster at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

During this time the OS retained its curious hybrid character, part military and part scientific. Its reputation stood high in academic circles, but its work scarcely impinged upon the public, and it was not until Colonel Charles Close became director-general in 1911 that serious attention was paid to mass production and marketing.



A 1970s distance measurer

During the Edwardian era there had been an explosion in what are today called leisure pursuits, such as rambling, cycling and motoring. For the first time millions of people were able to explore the countryside, but the OS had failed to meet the growing competition from the private sector.

Despite the fact that the use of the word ordnance was protected under the Copyright Act 1911, it was regularly used by independent publishers who plagiarised the OS's work to produce cheaper, more attractive and more convenient maps. But the somewhat bumbling OS attempts to protect its copyright were given short shrift by a government committee which suggested that it should get down to improving its own product and marketing it more imaginatively.

Close took the recommendations to heart, but his initial efforts were cut short by the outbreak of the first world war. Almost the entire resources of the OS were channelled into the war effort, and large numbers of staff were engaged in surveying and mapping the battlefields of Flanders and northern France.

During the four years of the war the OS produced more than 30 million maps for use by the armed forces, aided by the efforts of the brave and all too frequently doomed pilots engaged in the new science of aerial photography. They were particularly appreciated by the artillery, and the programme went so far as to include deliberately distorted maps intended to create confusion if they fell into enemy hands.

Close was knighted in 1918 for his war services, and immediately returned to the business of selling maps to the public. He engaged a professional artist, Ellis Martin, as his chief designer, with a brief to create attractive covers, and within a year he was able to report the highest sales in OS history.

Such was Martin's success that the commercial publishers began to follow his lead, and stalls and bookshops were flooded with motoring, cycling and tourist maps bearing imitation Martin covers.

That, however, was the happy side of the picture. The government, far from welcoming the OS's commercial achievements, imposed stringent economies which resulted in drastic staff cuts.

In 1935 a committee of enquiry was set up to examine how mapping could be accelerated and brought up to date. Advised by the OS's new director-general, Major-General Malcolm MacLeod, it decided to resurvey the whole of Great Britain on a metric national grid, based on the assumption that Britain would eventually have to adopt the metric scale.

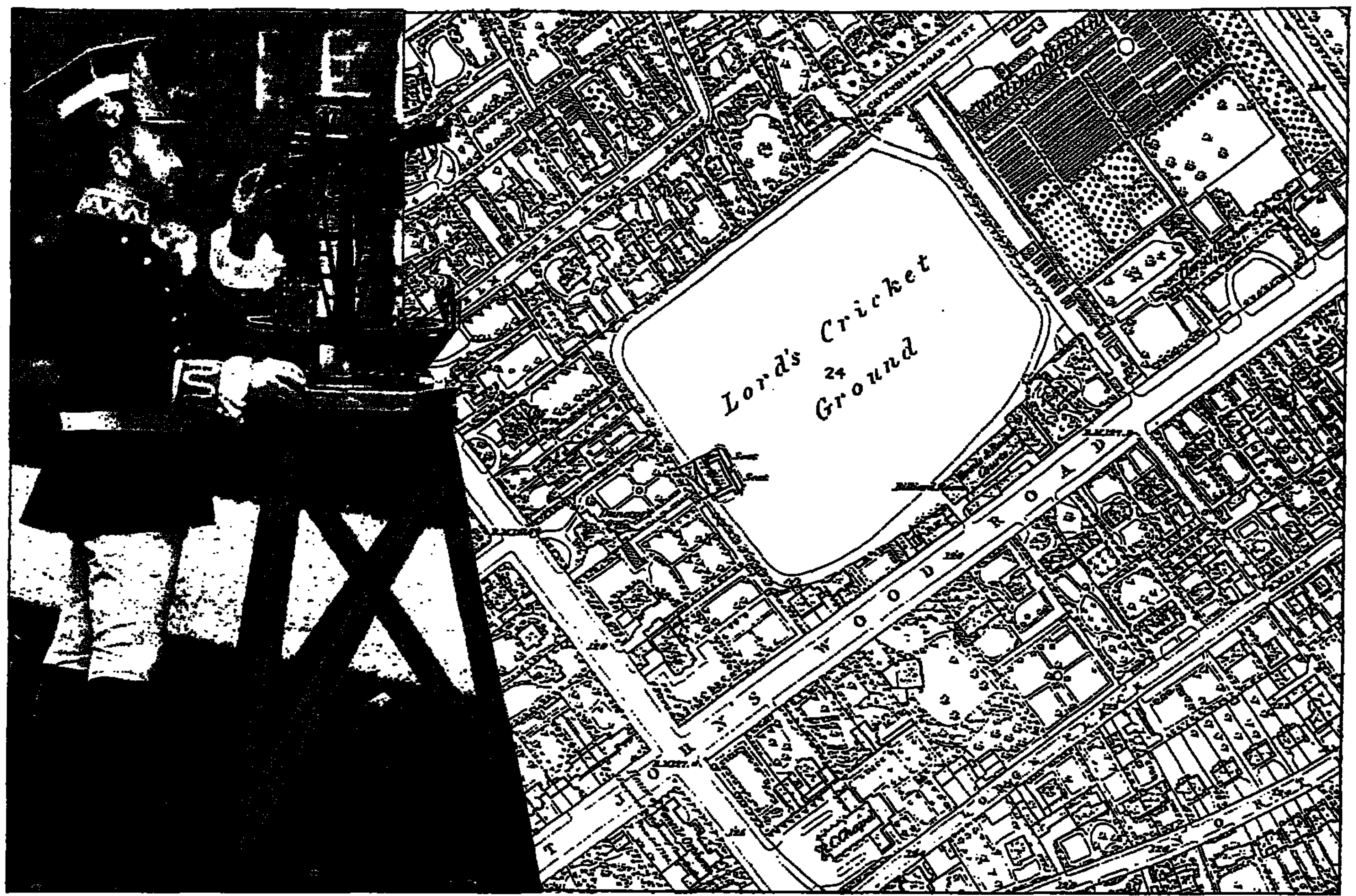
Nearly 20,000 triangulation stations were established. Travellers in the countryside became used to the sight of wet, cold and mud-spattered men stoically carrying out observations from fields, farms and hillsides.

By 1939 England, Wales and Scotland as far north as the Great Glen had been covered, but war again intervened and by the end of the war nearly 400 million maps had been printed.

The war also brought near-disaster. In late 1940, the OS's headquarters were bombed, and irreplaceable material destroyed, including William Roy's "Great Theodolite".

The damaged buildings were repaired and reoccupied and effort was reapplied to completion of the survey. The first national grid maps were published in 1946, each indexed to a network of squares so that, for the first time, any place in the country could be located by a simple reference number.

New headquarters were needed and in May 1 1969 the Queen opened purpose-built headquarters at Maybush, Southampton. For the first time, the OS was to shed its historic military character; in 1977, Walter Smith was appointed the first civilian director-general.



Surveying the past: top, an 18th century theodolite operated by a surveyor in the uniform of the time, and an 1870, 25.344 inches to a mile map of Lord's in London engraved after a survey by Captain the Hon W le Poer Trench. Below left, first world war British pilots consult a map before a raid, and, below right, a surveyor operates a 1960s tellurometer

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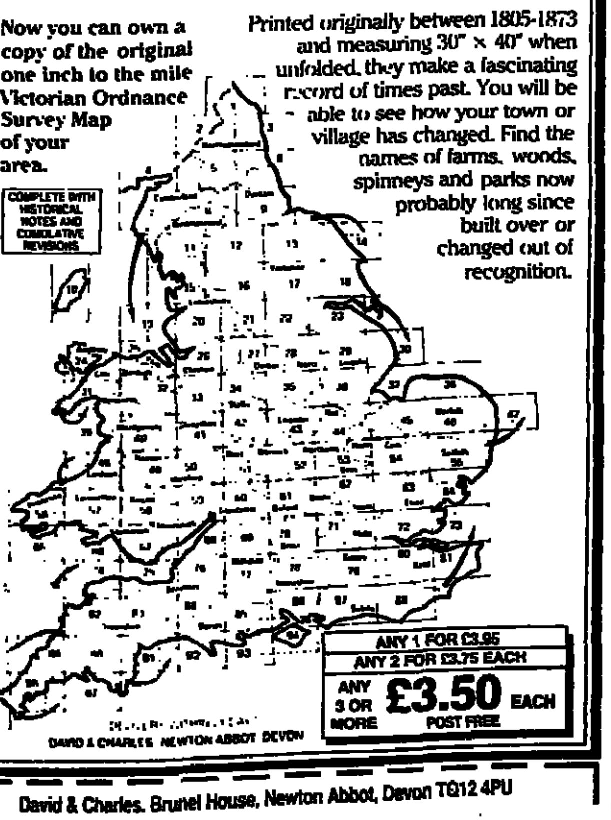

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The wider market is put on the map

The Ordnance Survey is now undergoing the biggest changes in 200 years, writes John Young

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Peter McMaster: presiding in an age of revolution

The man who has overseen perhaps the greatest changes in the history of the Ordnance Survey, as it has come to terms with the computer age and a likely future as an independent enterprise financed by its own commercial efforts, is to retire this year.

Peter McMaster, who has been the director general for seven years, is a polymath in the best tradition. He was educated at Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow, and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers and served in the Middle and Far East before retiring with the rank of major. He is a qualified surveyor, and was also called to the Bar in 1969.

In the early days, he points out, the OS had only one customer, the military. Over the years, however, the use of maps has extended to serve a range of interests, from defence to civil administration, from building to environmental conservation. The public, of course, use the maps for travel and recreation.

Mr McMaster says: "Since our inception in 1791 there have been constant changes in the techniques of map-making and in the style of our maps, which have been continuously adapted to meet our customers' changing needs. I am delighted that the OS has got itself ahead of everyone else in the development of computer-based mapping. Our technology has not been matched anywhere else."

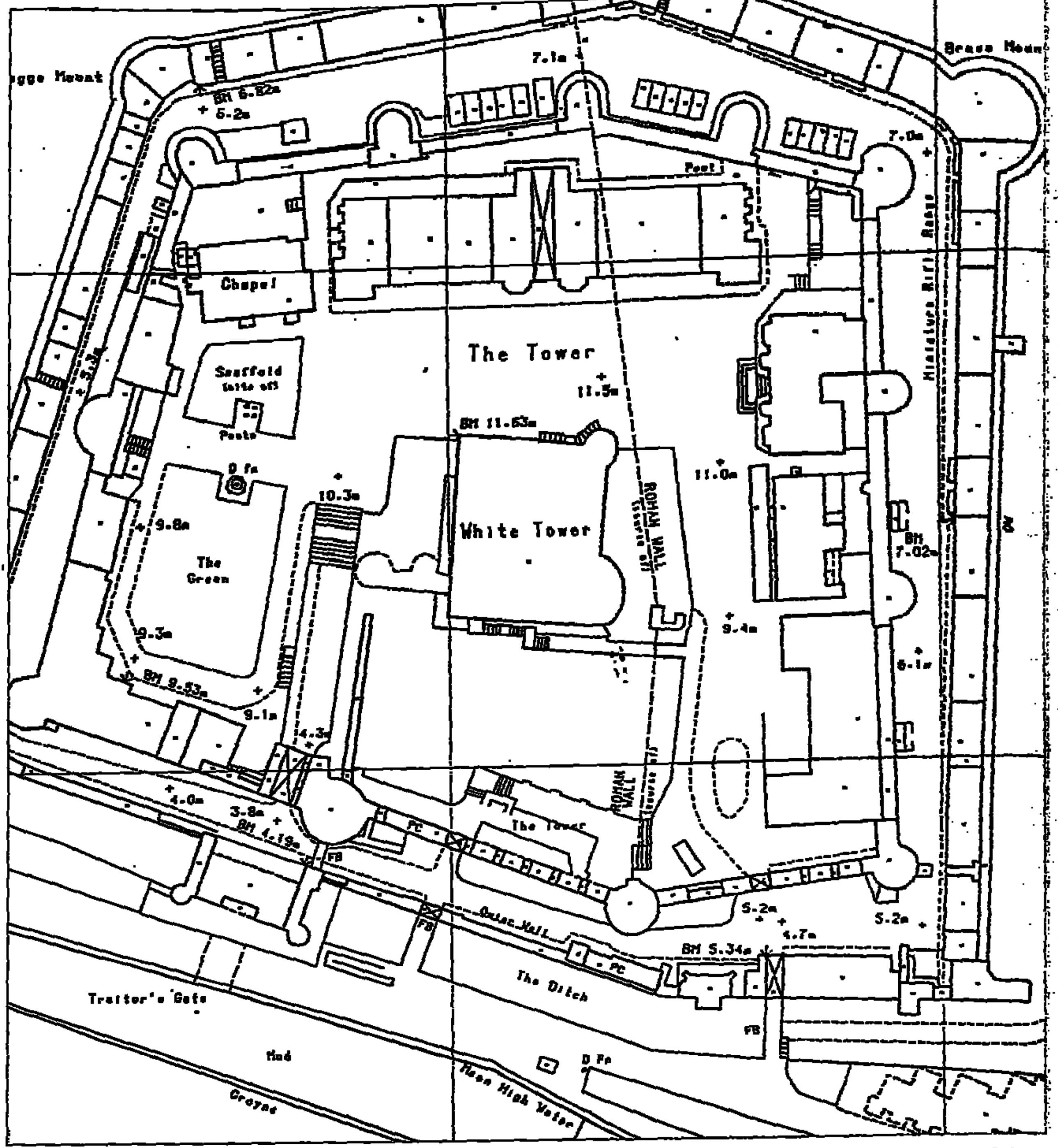
The OS can now offer potentially lucrative consultancy services to Europe, Asia and the developing world. Mr McMaster sees the future production of maps as largely incidental to the supply of geographical information to order. "We will be able to help people through our computer services to make decisions that at present can be reached only through detailed analysis of maps," he says.

Satellites will play an increasing role, he suggests. Their present use in marine navigation, replacing sextants and the stars, will be extended to journeys by land. Eventually, individuals will be able to carry a pocket device to tell them exactly where they are.

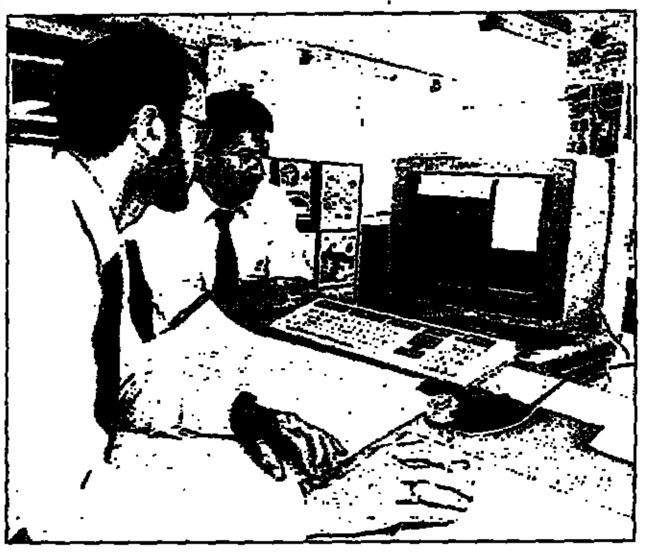
He is not sure whether the OS should be fully privatised. Maps have always been underpriced, he points out. In the past, governments have seen mapping as a prerequisite for many social and economic reforms, and therefore treated the expense of mapping as a proper cost of administration.

Now that the government is cutting spending and wants users to pay for services, there is a more realistic pricing policy for mapping. "The OS used to recover 20 per cent of its costs from the sale of maps," he points out. "Since we have been urged to recover a larger share by taking a more active commercial approach, the proportion has risen to about 70 per cent, which is higher than in any other country in Europe."

He thinks that within a few years the OS will be fully self-financing. "This will enable the OS to maintain a full service to its customers without tipping the scales too heavily towards purely commercial activities, which could undermine the comprehensive mapping of the country. That will always be our primary task."



Towering achievement: above, a modern, digitalised map of the Tower of London on the scale of 1:1250. Below left, draughtsmen drawing a map using a computer and, right, the start of the process as a surveyor measures distances



Service goes into business

Less money from government funds has forced the OS to diversify

THE Ordnance Survey was told in 1983 by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary at the time, that it could no longer expect the amount of government money it had received in the past and that it would have to generate much more of its income from marketing its expertise.

Mr Heseltine's directive was a not so gentle and distinctly Thatcherite suggestion that, although the OS's expertise and achievements were internationally acknowledged and largely unchallenged, it lacked the entrepreneurial skills to exploit them.

Given its historic status as an appendage of the military establishment, that was hardly surprising. The public service in Britain had always distanced itself from commerce. OS maps were available in shops and bookstalls everywhere. They were durable and reliable, and superbly executed examples of the cartographer's art.

However, they were serious maps for serious map users. If people wanted something flashier, there were plenty of commercial alternatives, albeit largely plagiarised from the OS's publications. Adapting to the idea of joint ventures with the private sector was difficult at first but has steadily improved. Nearly 100 new titles have been published, ranging from birdwatchers' guides to new motoring atlases. The most successful are probably the best-selling touring atlases published in conjunction with Hamlyn and Michelin, and a series of walking guides co-produced with Jarrolds, of Norwich.

The OS can also offer its own specialised services to engineers, builders, developers and local authorities. These include detailed aerial photographs, either commissioned to order or supplied from archives.

In June last year the OS was added to the list of civil service branches converted into semi-autonomous executive agencies. Since then it has been included in a group that includes the Stationery and Passport offices, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre and the Meteorological Office, which the prime minister's policy unit considers ripe for full privatisation.

Drawing a global strategy

World markets offer the chance for OS to build on a history of overseas work

ONE of the enduring images of Empire is that of the team of surveyors, or perhaps a single surveyor working on his own with helmet, sun-visor, theodolite and drawing board, mapping the far-flung reaches of the colonies.

A celebrated early exercise by the Ordnance Survey was the delineation of the boundary between the United States and Canada, which is said to have allowed the persecuted Sioux Indians to flee north to escape their pursuers.

The line along the 49th parallel was marked, not as today by customs and immigration posts, but by a series of earth mounds, extending from the crest of the Rockies to the Lake of the Woods on the border of Ontario and Minnesota.

But for the intervention of two world wars, which disrupted long-term plans, much more would have been achieved. Nevertheless, under the direction of the Royal Engineers and later, the Directorate of Colonial Surveys, post-war mapping of the colonies and protectorates was enthusiastically pursued, employing RAF and commercial aircraft to carry out aerial surveys.

The organisation was later renamed the Directorate of Overseas Services and was charged with mapping developing countries, as part of Britain's overseas aid programme. However, in 1984 the directorate's offices in Tolworth, Surrey, were closed down and it was merged with the OS.

By that time the directorate had mapped nearly three million square miles, mainly in Africa and the Caribbean. Its library contained some notable examples of the cartographer's art and in 1989, with the agreement and cooperation of the governments concerned, the OS launched a new series called Worldmaps, which included a number of spectacular and exotic locations such as Kilimanjaro, Mount Kenya and Barbados.

In the short term the scope for further expansion appears limited. The developed countries have their own resources, and the Third World is too poor to pay.

In the longer term, however, new needs are likely to arise. Cartographers face the challenge of changes brought about by Earth's climate and the demographic effects of the population explosion.

Sighting on new horizons

OS started using computer technology 20 years ago, and now produces tailor-made, individual, digitalised maps

Computers and the Ordnance Survey were not terms that went naturally together. The OS was, by its own admission, a conservative institution, which considered map-making an end in itself and viewed customers – indeed, the very concept of marketing – with suspicion.

The OS had, however, been discussing the idea of using new technology for some time, and in 1971 it began the enormous task of "digitalising" its stock of more than 250,000 maps, transferring to computer the accumulated work of generations of surveyors and draughtsmen.

Computerisation was given a boost, however, by a review committee under Sir David Serpell, which was examining the future of the OS and the extent to which it should continue to receive government funding. Walter Smith, its first civilian director general, told the committee that the production of digital data was largely an act of faith.

His instincts proved correct. The first customers for the new digital maps included the Post Office, and the gas, water and electricity companies, which were quick to appreciate the value of a standard map base on to which, using their own computers, they could project their operations.

Among the many advantages of the new digitalised maps, produced in cooperation with Laser-Scan, of Cambridge, is that they effectively end the long-standing controversy about the choice of scales. Customers can now get a print-out of the area in which they are interested to whatever scale required and containing only the details they need.

Perhaps hill walkers in the Scottish Highlands will one day turn, not to a map to determine their whereabouts, but to a pocket VDU screen. However, that day may be 50 or even 100 years away. When those ramblers return to their cars they may be able to plot their exact whereabouts at all times by using an inbuilt navigation system, which will indicate the best routes to follow and warn of any delays and hazards.

As an intermediate step, NextBase Ltd, of Staines, Surrey, has introduced Autoroute Plus, which won a British Design Award earlier this year. Using a computer screen, customers type in the starting point and destination, and information about any stops they need to make, and within seconds have a colour map, based on the Ordnance Survey 1:625,000, showing the shortest and fastest route.

Motorists will also be informed of any likely hold-ups to avoid, and can "zoom" in to examine any particular section at a scale of up to two inches to the mile. By feeding in the estimated driving speeds, they can obtain an estimate of the time the journey should take.

For motorists still content to stick with conventional maps, digitilisation has allowed the production of new atlases, which are claimed to be much easier to read than anything previously available. They include the new Motoring Atlas of Great Britain, published in conjunction with Hamlyn, and a series of new county maps, a joint venture with George Philip, on a scale of three-and-a-half inches to the mile, which show not only all roads, streets and lanes with their names clearly marked, but parks, woods, farms and footpaths, and a number of public buildings such as hospitals and fire and police stations.

The maps are based on a continuously updated digital system known as Oscar, which is also widely used by public utilities for planning new services and for maintenance, and by engineers, surveyors and planners. The system offers the OS almost unlimited scope for extending its range of commercial services.

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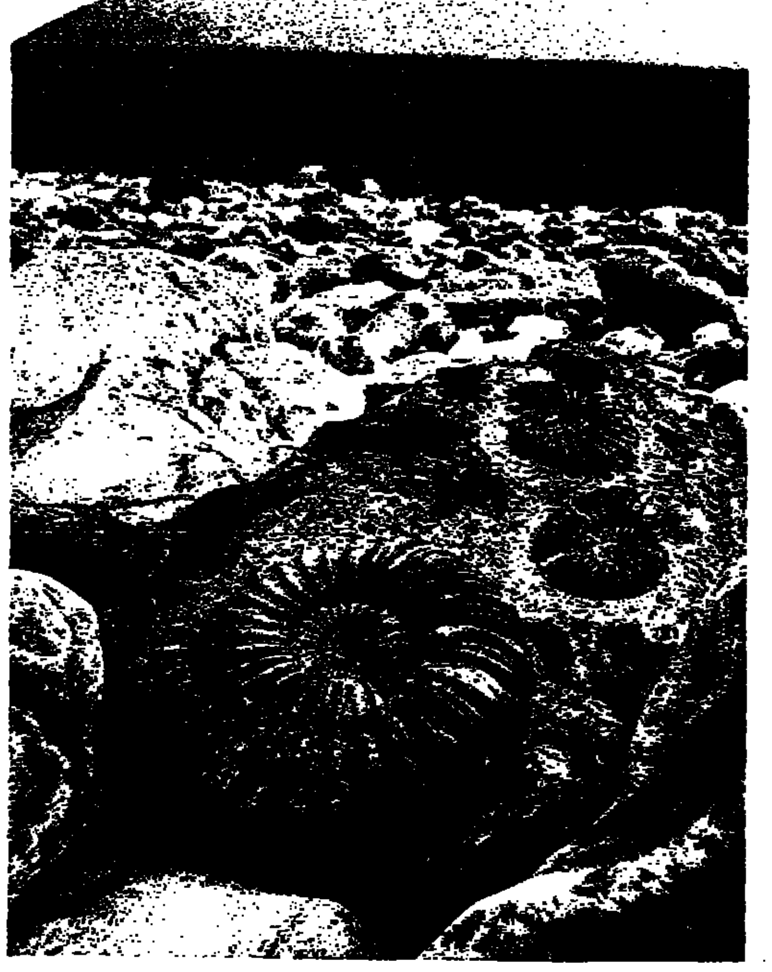


Whose countryside would you rather see? Thomas Hardy's? Or John McAdam's?

Can you imagine curling up with a novel entitled 'Tess of the M4'?

Or how about 'Far from the Madding Service Station'?

Perhaps 'The Mayor of Motorbridge' would have you digging into your wallet next time you're in the bookshop in eager anticipation of a thundering good read? No? We thought not.

Yet sadly, these titles are probably an accurate reflection of the way most of us experience the landscapes that Nature so generously gave our great writers, composers and painters for inspiration.

Why is this? Why do more and more people seem content to limit their enjoyment of our wondrously beautiful countryside to a sort of high-speed slide show, conveniently framed by a car window?

Woolbridge Manor, with its three prominent chimneys and mullioned windows, was Thomas Hardy's Wellbridge Manor, where Tess of the d'Urbervilles spent her honeymoon. Her name was taken from a historical family called Turberville who were once owners of the house. Further up the road, is a small village with the quaint name of Wool.

A show where no sounds are allowed. They might, after all, clash with the pop music coming from the hi-tech dash board.

A show devoid of smells. Own up. Don't your own children turn up their noses at the unusual scents and pungent aromas which characterise the countryside?

Yet this sorry state of affairs needn't exist. The glorious, undulating landscape described in Thomas Hardy's books is there still. And it is waiting for you to discover it in the very same way he did.

Not at 70 miles per hour. Not cushioned in velour. Not protected from the sounds of the first cuckoo and the smell of newly-mown hay by shatterproof glass.

But by leisurely strolling or cycling along the lanes and by-ways of the Dorset countryside he loved.

The *only* difference between you and Thomas Hardy is that while he knew the area well, you might have to call on the services of an experienced and trusted guide. *Ordnance Survey.*

The subject of our Touring Map and Guide number 15, for example, is *Wessex*, the Anglo-Saxon kingdom used as a backcloth to Hardy's lyrical stories of rural intrigue.

Like all Ordnance Survey maps, this particular guide is both friend and tutor.

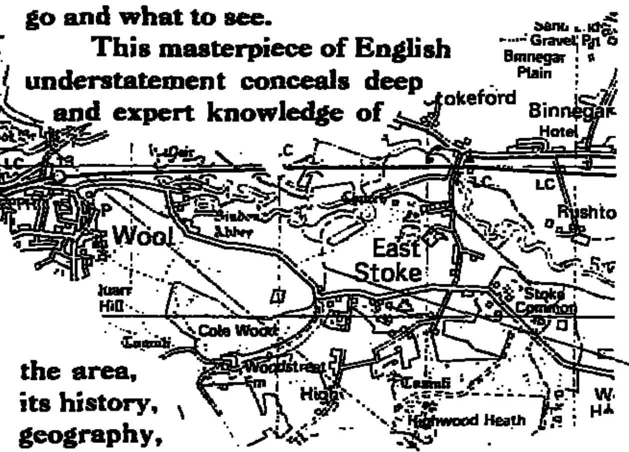
Do you need a telephone? A picnic spot? A camp site? Allow us to give you their precise location.

Are you interested in old battlesites? Historic houses? Or what about those caves you've heard tell are in the area?

Once again, an Ordnance Survey map can show you the way. [We will even furnish you with the date that battle took place].

And though our maps are invaluable in assisting you in getting from the proverbial A to B, they can also greatly enrich the journey.

On the reverse side of most Ordnance Survey Touring Maps is a heading: Where to go and what to see.



This masterpiece of English understatement conceals deep and expert knowledge of the area, its history, geography, crafts, even local curiosities and follies.

Map 15, for instance, will direct you to the smallest pub in Britain. Or to a monument shaped as a pyramid in honour of a horse that saved its owner's life.

It reveals the whereabouts of the local vineyard that is open to the public. Pin-points the lesser-known Elizabethan manor which has interesting additions by John Nash and gardens landscaped by Capability Brown.

It will also take you on a guided tour of Thomas Hardy's old haunts. The church where Tess was married. The cottage where he wrote Far from the Madding Crowd. The graveyard which, rather gruesomely, contains the author's heart. [*His ashes are interred at Westminster Abbey*].

You will also learn which particular roads Hardy liked to travel and why.

But how, you may be wondering, does Ordnance Survey unearth these little nuggets of information? What drives us to leave no stone, cobble or pebble unturned to bring you these insights into our countryside and its famous inhabitants?

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And while Napoleon failed to show up, the age of the map certainly arrived.

So you see, map-making has been in our blood for a very long time.

To the extent that Ordnance Survey originated practically all the maps of Britain that are around today.

[Indeed most of the maps with other brand names on were originally drawn by us. But don't tell them we told you].

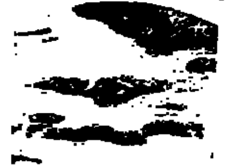
Of course, nowadays our maps are used less for the defence of the realm and more by those people who wish to appreciate it.

If you like going for regular jaunts into the countryside, you might like to take one of our Landranger maps with you next time you head off.

Usually more detailed than our Touring Maps, a Landranger will show you what kind of trees populate your local forests or woodlands, point out particular rock formations in the region and, perhaps most important of all when you're walking in the countryside, where to find a public convenience.

If Landranger maps are for people who like a little information on their rambles, our Pathfinder Series is for those who like a little rambling with their information.

Thomas Hardy enthusiasts following our Pathfinder 1318, for instance, will be able to amble around the outskirts of his beloved Dorchester certain in the knowledge that they are walking on the remains of an old Roman road, that ahead lies ground covered in bracken and that half a mile in front of them there's a natural spring still burbling away.



Many of the rivers, brooks and streams of Dorset run off the high ground of Salisbury Plain and the Mendip Hills and through the chalk [illegible]

Coming into the main part of town, the same narrow streets Hardy meandered along are drawn up in such detail that even houses and their boundaries are clearly marked.

Do we really need to provide you with this degree of accuracy? We think so.

Every day the face of our towns, villages and countryside changes. Sometimes it is imperceptible. At other times, when property boundaries are moved or roads are added, the changes actually reshape our country.

The better your knowledge of these changes, the greater your appreciation will be of what the British countryside in its many guises has to offer.

Dorset's most famous literary figure, Thomas Hardy, is commemorated by this statue in the main street of Dorchester, which is otherwise known as the Casterbridge of his novels. Nearly all the locations used for his stories still exist today although you will need help in finding them as he gave them fictional names to avoid offending the local populace.

Then, who knows? Perhaps one day, with the guidance of Ordnance Survey, you may get to know Wessex almost as well as Thomas Hardy did.

Even see it through his eyes. Feel what he felt when he wrote *'Wessex Heights'*.

'There are some heights in Wessex, shaped as if by kindly hand
For thinking, dreaming, dying on, and at crises when I stand,
Say, on Ingpen Beacon eastward, or on Wylls-Neck westwardly,
I seem where I was before my birth, and after death may be."

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BOXING

Tyson effortlessly plunges himself into controversy

From SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, LAS VEGAS

MIKE Tyson is back in town to see to some unfinished business with Donovan "Razor" Ruddock. Because the referee, Richard Steele, intervened "too early" in the seventh round of their bout last March and left Ruddock hanging on the ropes and the public in the air, Tyson had returned to finish the job in "The Rematch" at The Mirage Hotel here on Friday.

Tyson would have preferred to let matters rest and get on with the serious business of relieving Evander Holyfield of the world heavyweight title. But his promoter and friend, Don King, convinced him that such was the clamour after Steele's action that it was best not to leave loose ends untied.

While Tyson is making a clean job of it this time in the ring, King will be doing his bit by cleaning up outside it — $35 million or so from pay-per-view television. "This time it ain't over 'til it's over," Tyson said. Which seemed a serious enough statement of intent. But after King turned down his request for a bus with gold-plated lavatories to move his retinue around, Tyson went a little quiet, then took things into his own hands, literally and figuratively.

According to reports, he threw a toaster at King, tore off a $25,000 lens from an ABC television camera, slacked off training, whizzed round in a black $225,000 Lamborghini Diablo looking for a good time, and at a press conference, made tasteless jibes against Ruddock.

Since Tyson's chief trainer, Richie Giachetti, could say no more than "You try to keep your insanity (sic) and hang in there" about life in the camp, they turned to a psychologist to make what they could of the actions of a man who at the age of 11 was in a correctional institution, owned the world at 20, lost it and most of a $100 million fortune by the time he was 24, and now, at 25, did not know which way to turn to find himself or his title.

Dr Francis Chiappa, a leading psychologist in Cleveland, said of the remark to Ruddock: "I'm not sure Tyson perceives it to be an insult. He is trying to demean Ruddock and gain verbal dominance. If you can't have power in other ways, you might find whatever avenue was available to you to dominate someone."

Carl Weinberg, a New York psychotherapist, ventured: "It's like statistics. You can bend it any way you want. Tyson simply could be hyping the fight. Or it could be a throwback to jail terminology in that he is setting Ruddock up to be the punk. It's an 'I'm better than you are' kind of thing."

If all this left reporters and their readers up a gum tree, the oddsmakers certainly have kept their feet firmly on the ground. "It's the same place we were a week out last time," Jimmy Vaccaro, the oddsmaker of the Mirage said. Tyson is 5-1 on favourite.

King, alone, chose the right philosophical line. "Ain't nobody screw with me, man," he said. "The kid's a pain, but for the money I will put up with it."

The only certain, or fairly certain, thing in this bizarre world is that Steele will not be the referee this time. His actions have been studied in slow mo', squeeze mo', and frame-by-frame mo'. According to *Boxing Illustrated*, the authoritative American magazine, Steele appeared to be intervening before Tyson launched his disabling left hook on Ruddock.

It is not Steele's actions that are lambasted so much as those of the Nevada Commission. It is blamed for appointing Steele, who works as a "pit boss" at the Golden Nugget, which owns The Mirage, despite objections before the last bout by Ruddock's manager, Murad Muhammad. This time the Commission is expected to appoint Mills Lane or Carlos Padilla.

Watson is given his wish of WBO title rematch

MICHAEL Watson was yesterday promised a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) middleweight title return bout against Chris Eubank. The pledge came from the promoter, Barry Hearn, who is now convinced that Watson deserves a second chance at the championship.

But, with Nigel Benn under a promotional agreement with Hearn, the timing of a contest with extra box-office appeal is uncertain.

"I will know more in about a week to 10 days," Hearn said. "I have watched a video of the Eubank-Watson fight two or three times since Saturday. Each time it gets closer and I can now understand all the controversy.

"Originally, I had Chris winning by three rounds, but turning the sound down on the video and scoring it punch by punch I now make it level.

"I'm a fight fan as well as a promoter, and the fight fan in me says: 'Let's do it again'. It could be in September, it could be in November. I just can't say at the moment."

Yesterday, Watson made a formal application to the WBO for a rematch after Eubank's controversial points decision at Earls Court on Saturday.

The situation could be complicated by the nomination of Gerard McLelland, of the United States, as the No. 1 contender for Eubank's title and the latest global boxing body may be ready to make a decision on Watson's position next week.

Benn makes his second comeback appearance against Kid Milo at Brentwood next Wednesday with a new respect for British boxers. Victory for Benn will qualify him for a fresh tilt at the WBO title later this year.

Benn, who lost his title to Eubank in an epic contest in Birmingham last November, said: "The Milo fight is a very tough one. I respect him and he certainly can bang. I'm determined to reclaim my title.

"I got very complacent against Eubank and was very lackadaisical. I just didn't fear him, but I won't be making the same mistake again. After fighting tough guys like Iran Barklay and Doug DeWitt I didn't give two hoots for Eubank and I paid the price."

Milo has the punching credentials to cause an upset but showed no indignant reaction to talk of a Benn-Eubank contest.

Benn: respectful

The three judges, whose verdicts enabled Eubank to keep his title, yesterday defended their decisions. Carlos Colon, from Puerto Rico, produced a scorecard of 116-113 in Eubank's favour and was staggered by the criticism heaped on him by spectators and commentators.

"Eubank was a better technical boxer than Watson," he said. "People see only the aggressiveness of the fighter, but you also have to consider the defensive side. I certainly have no regrets or second thoughts."

Artur Lurie, of Las Vegas, scored it 115-113 to Eubank. He said: "I have judged more than 100 title fights since 1953 and I sure don't reckon I blundered here. Eubank did more damage than Watson."

John Rupert, from Miami, was the only judge who thought Watson was close to snatching Eubank's title from his grasp. He scored it 114-114.

☐ Angry British boxing administrators have called for action after the cancellation of the latest defence by Johnny Nelson, the European cruiserweight champion. Nelson should have made a mandatory defence on July 13 against Tafouik Belbouli, of France. However, French promoters failed to come up with contracts and Belbouli also backed out.

Now John Morris, the British Board of Control secretary, has called for sanctions against the boxer and the promoters, the Acaries brothers.

NETBALL

England aim for top three finish

By LOUISE TAYLOR

ENGLAND embark on their challenge for the eighth world championship in Australia on Monday with reason to be as optimistic as at any time in the tournament's history.

Betty Galsworthy's team is unlikely to win in Sydney, but has every chance of improving on its present international rating of fourth in the world.

The event, staged every four years, has been won five times by Australia. Along with New Zealand, the champions, who triumphed in the last tournament in Glasgow in 1987, they start as favourites.

Of the 20 participating countries, Trinidad and Tobago, third in the world rankings and winners in 1979, have been forced to withdraw due to financial difficulties.

Their loss could prove England's gain, and they will have no excuses for failing to capitalise on two straightforward opening matches against Scotland on Monday and Singapore on Tuesday.

The event runs for a fortnight and is being staged indoors for the first time. Teams are initially divided into two ten-strong leagues, with the leading two from each progressing to the semi-finals.

Although Australia are expected to win pool B, England should see off the threat posed by Fiji, Scotland, Wales, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, the Cayman Islands and Western Samoa in order to secure the all-important second place.

Pool A would surely have provided a much sterner test for them. It includes not only New Zealand but Jamaica, who are fifth in world and whose style England traditionally find hard to counter.

The semi-finals take place on Friday, July 12, with the final on the following day.

ENGLAND PROGRAMME: Pool B: July 1: v Scotland, 2: v Singapore; 4: v Sri Lanka, 5: v Cayman Islands; 6: v Fiji, 7: v Australia; 8: v Western Samoa, 10: v Wales; 11: v Malaysia.

RUGBY UNION

A return trip is on cards

THE Soviet Union, who will play at Twickenham in September as part of England's World Cup preparations, are pressing for a reciprocal tour and it is likely that the Barbarians will meet their request (David Hands writes).

Mickey Steele-Bodger, the Barbarians president, visited Moscow last week with Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, and Albert Agar, one of England's International Board representatives.

"The discussions included the possibility of a Barbarian tour," Wood said. "They are clearly looking for a prestigious tour for the good of the game." There is, however, no question of a full England team visiting the Soviet Union in the near future and, although the team management will treat the match on September 7 as a full international, no caps will be awarded to England players.

The Soviet Union will also play Combined London Old Boys at the Old Merchant Taylors ground on September 3.

ALASTAIR GRANT

A cluster of jockeys waits anxiously in the Brighton weigh ing room yesterday to see if the visibility improves

Rich dividend awaits Irish Derby no-hoper

By RICHARD EVANS

BARRY'S Run, a maiden after 19 outings in the lowliest company, has hit the jackpot in Sunday's Budweiser Irish Derby — just by being declared.

With only six runners going to post at the Curragh, the talentless Commanche Run colt is guaranteed to win Ir£12,000 just for coming last.

Should the 1,000-1 shot display hitherto unknown powers of acceleration and sneak fifth place, he would earn Ir£18,000 for his connections.

The six-strong field is the smallest for the Irish Derby since 1937 and something of a disappointment for the sponsors, who must have been hoping for a better turn out when they generously offered prize-money for the first six home.

The decision by Luke Comer, owner and permit holder of Barry's Run, to enter the horse for the Irish Derby must represent one of the shrewdest pieces of placing in years and is a triumph of hope over expectation.

As a two-year-old Barry's Run ran 12 times. The nearest he came to winning was in a maiden race at Galway last August when he was beaten a length into second place.

Any hopes that Comer's colt would improve as a three-year-old were quickly shattered. He ran for the seventh time this campaign at Dundalk last Friday and was beaten some 20 lengths into seventh place.

But all the failures and disappointments will be forgotten as he trails home a distance behind the favourites for Sunday's race led by Suave Dancer, Generous, Sportsworld and Star Of Gdansk.

Comer, based in Co Meath, is a former plasterer turned property developer, who once plastered the box at the Aga Khan's Ballymany Stud from which Shergar was subsequently kidnapped.

Aged 33, he is in his first season as a permit holder, trains 14 horses and has had one winner.

"My husband has always been a gambler and it has paid off. We are not afraid of taking on the best," his wife Margaret said yesterday.

Comer, who was in London yesterday, said: "I started as a plasterer. There was a team of three of us, including my brother Brian. We were the best around and worked round the clock. If Barry's Run was as good, he would bolt in on Sunday.

"On form he will do well to finish a furlong behind but anything can happen on the big day.

"Everything I have done has been a bit of a gamble. I intend to win a lot of Derbys before I finish."

The total cost of entering Barry's Run for the Irish Derby, including yesterday's declaration fee of Ir£750, was Ir£3,000.

A spokesman for Anheuser-Busch, world-wide brewers of Budweiser, said yesterday the participation of Generous and Suave Dancer always threatened to scare off other horses. "The size of the Epsom field was down this year and it is now part of life that small fields are becoming the norm for this type of race. But overall we are delighted there is going to be a head-to-head between the French and English Derby winners."

Ladbrokes make Generous 6-5 favourite and go 6-4 Suave Dancer, 5-1 Sportsworld, 10-1 Star Of Gdansk, 500-1 Nordic Admirer, 1000-1 Barry's Run.

Rumours on both sides of the English Channel yesterday that Suave Dancer would miss the race were categorically denied by John Hammond, trainer of the French Derby winner.

"This is strictly smoke where there is no fire. It is absolute nonsense. Suave Dancer is fine. He has not missed any work and has not left any food. He is a definite runner."

The speculation is understood to have started from British bookmaking sources. Corals suspended betting on the race for 40 minutes yesterday afternoon until the Barking-based firm was satisfied the French star would run.

Dispute unresolved

THE dispute between the Jockey Club and the Horserace Betting Levy Board over the shape of next year's fixture list and its funding remains unresolved (Richard Evans writes).

The Levy Board met yesterday and afterwards would only say: "There are no new developments."

A statement from the Jockey Club was only slightly more enlightening. "The Jockey Club today asked the Levy Board to reconsider its proposals for a daily grant scheme and associated financial arrangements which the Jockey Club and the industry cannot accept.

"No decision was made in advance of the Jockey Club's meeting with all racecourses on Thursday to prepare a fixture list for 1992, which it is hoped the Levy Board will support."

The unprecedented disagreement between racing's rulers and paymasters began when the Levy Board announced its intention to fund extra "criteria" fixtures on a Thursday and Saturday.

The Jockey Club, which draws up the fixture list, says it will only agree to the new fixtures if racing is paid extra money by off-course bookmakers who will benefit from the revised fixture list.

Brighton lost in the mist

THE dismal English summer claimed another victim yesterday when the meeting at Brighton was abandoned after two races.

A heavy mist, which had skirted the seaside course all afternoon, eventually descended irrevocably, and racing was called off at 3.30 pm.

The conditions threatened to rule out racing completely, but when the stewards inspected 15 minutes before the first race, visibility was good enough to see the far side of the course.

The first two races went ahead only for visibility to rapidly deteriorate again. The stewards delayed the third race in the hope of improvement but, with visibility down to less than 100 yards, they were forced to call a halt.

The gloom earlier lifted long enough for Upper Lambourn trainer Charlie Nelson to record a much-needed victory.

Sir Boudle put up a game effort in the rain-softened going to take the Eastbourne Maiden Stakes, which was Nelson's first win for two months.

Challenged strongly by Paul Cole's newcomer Providence, the odds-on favourite, in the closing stages, Sir Boudle stayed on to win by a head.

"The ground was softer than he wants and I think it was only experience that won it for him," Nelson said.

Steve Cauthen's solitary ride, Remaadi, made the American's seaside visit worthwhile when taking the Lewes Maiden Stakes.

Cauthen steered John Gosden's grey to the better ground on the stands side and, after being pressed briefly by Legal View two furlongs out, Remaadi was pushed out for a six lengths win.

Newbury off

The meeting at Newbury last night was abandoned because of a waterlogged course following an 11am inspection.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

Bradfield equal to a sporting challenge

By GEORGE CHESTERTON

AN ADMIRABLE declaration by Wellington, put in on their own ground by Bradfield, made for a superb match. A fourth-wicket stand of 153 between Parker and the 15-year-old Newman put the home captain in the position to declare at 245 for five. A three-figure opening partnership between Kendall and Oscraft, followed by a spirited chase for runs, took Bradfield to victory by three wickets in the last over.

Poor weather has added to the problems of selection for the five-day MCC Schools Festival at Oxford in July. None the less, some fine performances around the country suggests there are players of promise. Yeabsley, Slater, Maddock and Semmence are amongst those paying a second visit to Oxford. Khan, in his first year at Ipswich, has proved a great find, with three innings over 150. A. J. Jones of Monmouth, son of Alan Jones, the former Glamorgan opening batsman, has seldom failed for his school. R. M. S. Weston of Durham shows as much promise as his brother Philip, now on Worcestershire's books. In the fast bowling department much is expected of Carpenter, who played in last year's NAYC final, and Richardson, of Oundle. De la Pena, picked for ESCA South, has already played a championship match for Gloucestershire.

FESTIVAL TEAMS

HMC SOUTHERN SCHOOLS. A J Jones (Monmouth), J F Carpenter (Chigwell), G Khan (Ipswich), A R Maddock (Plymouth), M T E Pearce (Ardingly), A W Richardson (Oundle), M F D Robinson (King's Taunton), A J C Scott-Gall (Stowe), K C Sedgbeer (Taunton), M J Semmence (Hurstpierpoint), M J Walker (King's Rochester)

THE REST. K A Parsons (Richard Huish), M H Colclough (Newcastle-under-Lyme), K A Graham (King's Macclesfield), J H Langworth (Monmouth), C Mulraine (Warwick), R L Perkins (Uppingham), J G Slater (Ellesmere), R M S Weston (Durham), M T White (Trent), J M S Whittington (Eton), R S Yeabsley (Haberdashers' Aske's)

ESCA NORTH. P Wilcock (Lancashire), A Hall (Cheshire), R Hughes (Warwickshire), T Tweats (Staffordshire), M Harvey (Lancashire), M Foster (Yorkshire), J Hindson (Nottinghamshire), P Whitaker (Yorkshire), A Sheriya (Warwickshire), S Heseltine (Yorkshire), W Luntley (Lancashire).

ESCA SOUTH: H Morgan (Devon), I Johns (Middlesex), C Pitcher (Oxfordshire), K Parsons (Somerset), K Thomas (Nottinghamshire), R Ballenger (Somerset), A Collins (Hampshire), N Workman (Worcestershire), C Sketchley (Isle of Wight), J de la Pena (Gloucestershire), P Jacques (Somerset).

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FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE (BARFL): Earls Court Roos 7.8 (50), Wandsworth 3.2 (20), WL Walkabout Wildcats 12.10 (82), London Hawks 6.6 (42); Hartley Bristol Bears 14.20 (104), Sussex Swans 3 4 (22), North London Lions 8.22 (70), Lea Valley Saints 1.5 (11); East Midland Eagles 6 9 (45), Thames Valley Magpies 2 7 (19). Leading positions: 1, Earls Court, 36pts, 2, Wandsworth, 36, North London, 32, WL Walkabout, 28

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 4, Cleveland Indians 3, Minnesota Twins 5, New York Yankees 0; Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle Mariners 2: California Angels 9, Kansas City Royals 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego Padres 4, St Louis Cardinals 1

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Spain 94, Bulgaria 93

BRIDGE

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Standings after 19 rounds: 1, Great Britain, 385pts; 2, Sweden, 376; 3 Iceland, 363; 4, Poland, 352, 5, Netherlands, 349, 6, France, 345. Women's series: 1, Austria, 230; 2, Great Britain, 211½, 3, Germany, 211, 4, Netherlands, 208, 5, Denmark, 207; 6, France, 195.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Durham Pilgrims 195-4 dec (K Turnbull 100), *Durham 196-7. King's, Macclesfield 233-4 (G Graham 150), *Nottingham 114-4, Kirkham 118, *Arnold 119-1, *Wellington 245-5 dec, Bradfield 249-7.

(* denotes home team)

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Sussex 81-6 v Somerset

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Crompton 132-9; Milnrow 130-6, Middleton 213-4, Werneth 128-5; Stockport 172-8, Rochdale 156, Radcliffe 130-8; Unsworth 86-8, Oldham 139-9, Royton 140-5; Littleborough 225-3 Walsden 180; Norden 201-5, Heywood 100-4

MATTHEW BROWN NORTHERN LEAGUE: Netherfield 116-8, Chorley 36-4; Blackpool 131, Kendal 122-9; Lancaster 147-3, Preston 143-7, St Annes 245-3, Morecambe 191-8

WEBSTER'S YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Rotherham 107, Doncaster 108-4; Hull 150-8, Halifax 49-8, Castleford 167-3 (M Foster 122 not out). Barnsley 143-7, Sheffield Collegiate 212-8. Sheffield United 140-7

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Backworth 190-8, Ashington 191-2; Benwell Hill 226-5, Percy Main 151-9; Blythe 110-8, County Club 111-2, Alnwick 183-2, Morpeth 132-8, Tynedale 163-8, Benwell 165-6; South Northumberland 126-4, Tynemouth 92-7.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Whitburn 127, Burnmoor 126-2; Gateshead Fell 130, Seaham Harbour 134-2. Horden 184-3, Eppleton 118-3. South Shields 105-6, Chester le Street 61-8. Sunderland 143-8, Boldon 147-4, Wearmouth v Durham City — no play

BROTHER CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Saturday: Middleton 156-8, Unsworth 157-8, Werneth 157-7, Crompton 120, Stockport 151-8, Royton 152-5. Sunday: Milnrow 130-6, Crompton 132-9; Middleton 213-4, Werneth 129-6, Stockport 172-7, Rochdale 158; Radcliffe 130-8, Unsworth 86-8, Oldham 139-9, Royton 140-5, Littleborough 225-3 (C Dearden 110 not out). Walsden 198, Norden 201-6 dec, Heywood 100-4; Hyde 96, Ashton 84-7

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION: Flixton 187-6 Bury 183-7, Newton-le-Willows 178-9 St Helens 28-1 (abandoned), SW Manchester 126-8 Whalley Range 125-9; Stretford 99-3 Monton 98; Worsley 132-6 Didsbury 80-5 (abandoned).

ALLIED DUNBAR BRADFORD LEAGUE: Yorkshire Bank 255-3, Drighlington 127-6. East Bierley 210-7, Baildon 88-3, Yeadon 171, Hanging Heaton 174-9; Pudsey St Lawrence 252-6 (C Gott 154 not out), Undercliffe 39-2. Pudsey Congs 214-5, Hartshead Moor 124

BODDINGTONS CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Northwich 84 (P Bellwood 6-30), Brooklands 85-3, Bowdon 161-5, Cheadle 162-6; Alderley Edge 116, Heaton Mersey 119-2; Macclesfield 131, Toft 87-7 (S Moores 6-30), Cheadle Hulme 148, Winnington Park 128-8

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Meltham 77, Kirkburton 78-1, Broad Oak 96-8, Slaithwaite 99-1; Dalton 230-6 (S Azhar 122), Honley 136-4, Almondbury 129-9, Lascelles Hall 130-3, Elland 135-8, Skelmanthorpe 107-4, Kirkheaton 292-1 (N Staples 133 not out), Holmfirth 198-5.

NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Saturday: Bishop Auckland 129, Guisborough 130-2, Blackhall 52, Middlesbrough 53-5, Redcar 203-4 (Ijaz Ahmed 128), Saltburn 175-6; Norton 145, Thornaby 148-5, Hartlepool 137, Darlington 112-9. Sunday: North Allerton 100, Bishop Auckland 101-1, Marske 128-9, Hartlepool 104, Norton 122, Billingham 123-5, Stockton 183, Guisborough 150-4

CYCLING

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Sixth stage (252km to Ulrichen): 1, F Vona (It), 6hr 56min 08sec; 2, R Millar (GB), at 1min 43sec; 3, M Fondriest (It), 3:22; 4, M Arroyo (Mex), 5, G Furlan (It), 6, P Richard (Switz), 7, A Hampsten (US), 8, L Roosen (Belg); 9, B Cornillet (Fr), 10, E Bouwmans (Belg), all same time 11, G LeMond (US), 3:45 Overall: 1, Roosen, 28:08 48; 2, Richard at 33sec, 3, Hampsten, 2.32; 4, Arroyo, 4 11; 5, Millar, 6.33; 6, D Wyder (Switz), 7:01, 7, Bouwmans, 9:25; 8, Furlan, 11:22; 9, Cornillet, 13:00; 10, J Simon (Fr), 14:46

TOUR OF APULIA: (Italy unless stated): Second stage: 1, M Cipollini, 4hr 39min 40sec; 2, S Martinello; 3, E Leoni, 4, A Di Basco, 5, F Baldato, 6, G Fidanza, 7, S Allocchio, 8, N Szostek (Bel), 9, R Vardonck (Bel), 10, D Abdoujaparov (USSR), all same time Overall: 1, F Fontanelli, 5hr 53min 45sec; 2, E Zaina, 9 seconds behind; 3 M Lietti, 15; 4 J Durand (Fr), 1min 5sec, 5, E Galleschi, 1.53, 6 S Zanatta, 5:28; 7 J Svorada (Cz) 12:09, 8, Leoni, 15.40; 9 F Barale, 20:00; 10, F Convalle, 21 01

GLIDING

DUNSTABLE: Standard Class national championship: Finals: Day 3: 1, R Jones, 116 1km, 29pts; 2, T Pozerskis, 105.2, 23, 3, W Kay, 100 6, 21, 4, S Wells, 95.2, 18, equal 5, P King and J Edyvean 93.2, 17 Overall: equal 1, Kay and Edyvean, 1,048pts, 3, P Sheard, 1,043, 4, D Campbell, 1,011, 5, Wells, 1,008, 6, P Gaisford, 990

GOLF

COCA COLA SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (North Berwick). (Scotish names first): Boys: Foursomes: B Collier and S Roberts lost to S Davis and D Lynn, 4 and 3, G Davidson and R Perry lost to M Foster and P Langford, 2 and 1; D Downie and A Cooper lost to P Easto and T Layton, 5 and 4, C MacDougall and A Cotter lost to K Bashford and N Reilly, 2 holes, N Archibald and A Farmer bt K Nicholson and J Large, 2 and 1; A McDonald and W Dow bt G Hamerton and A McCormick, 1 hole. Singles: Collier lost to Hamerton, 1 hole; Farmer bt Lynn, 3 and 2, MacDougall lost to Nicholson, 2 and 1. Archibald halved with Langford; McDonald bt Davis, 3 and 2, Davidson lost to Large, 2 and 1, Dow lost to Easto, 3 and 2, Downie bt McCormack, 4 and 3. Roberts lost to Layton, 2 and 1, Cooper halved with Bashford, R Perry lost to Foster, 6 and 4, Cotter bt Reilly, 2 and 1 Result: England 11, Scotland 7 Girls: Foursomes: A Laing and C Hunter lost to K Stupples and K Burton, 4 and 3, M L Renton and S McEwan lost to L Tupholme and G Simpson, 3 and 2; M McKay and V Melvin halved with E Ratcliffe and F Brown. Singles: McKay halved with Ratcliffe; Melvin lost to Stupples, 2 holes; McEwan lost to Brown, 7 and 5; Laing lost Burton, 7 and 5: Renton halved Tupholme, Hunter lost to Simpson, 4 and 3. Result: England 7½, Scotland ½

US LPGA: Money winners: (US unless noted) 1, P Bradley, $361,643, 2, B Daniel, $352,448; 3, P Sheehan, $273,160; 4, D Mochrie, $238,719; 5, C Walker, $230,731; 6, J Geddes, $208,287, 7, D Ammaccapane, $196,253. 8 A Okamoto (Japan), $195,114, 9, B King, $186,555; 10, J Dickinson, $169,950

MODERN PENTATHLON

MILTON KEYNES: World Cup: Men: Show jumping: 1, G Whyte (GB), 1,070pts; 2, R Phelps (GB), 1,070; 3, R Stoll (US), 1,050 Other British: G Brookhouse, 776 Final individual positions: 1, Phelps 5,497, 2, Mizser (Hun), 5,474, 3, A Starostin (USSR), 5,424, 4, J Martinez (Hun), 5,324; 5, Stoll, 5,319; 6, C Toraldo (It), 5,296, 7, E Zenovka (USSR), 5,288 Other British: Whyte 5,203; 15, Brookhouse, 5,033. Team: 1, Soviet Union (A Bortsenko, 5,070), 15,782, 2, Britain, 15,733, 3, Italy (L Filipponi, G Tiberti, C Toraldo), 15,233. Women: Final individual: 1, A Sulima (Pol), 5,244; 2, L Norwood (US), 5,177, 3, P Svarre (Den), 5,152. British: 11, S-J Cox, 4,753. 21, L Ball, 4,482; 22, K Young, 4,434. Team: 1, United States, 15,049; 2, Hungary, 14,334, 3, Soviet Union, 13,774, 4, Britain, 13,889

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Milton Keynes v Long Eaton (waterlogged track).

TENNIS

ATP MONEY WINNERS: 1, J Courier (US), $893,889; 2, S Edberg (Swe), $789,458; 3, I Lendl (Cz), $520,104, 4, B Becker (Ger), $496,504; 5, E Sánchez (Sp), $480,083, 6, M Stich (Ger), $425,695, 7, M Gustafsson (Swe), $391,449; 8, S Bruguera (Sp), $353,300, 9, A Agassi (US), $318,340; 10, K Novacek (Cz), $315,521.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Seles (Yugo); 2, S Graf (Ger), 3, G Sabatini (Arg): 4, M Navratilova (US): 5, A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp), 6, MJ Fernandez (US); 7, J Novotna (Cz), 8, C Martinez (Sp), 9 Z Garrison (US), 10, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz). Money winners: 1, Seles, $947,558; 2, Sabatini, $650,082; 3, Sanchez-Vicario, $469,969; 4, S Graf, $448,547, 5, Novotna, 426,399; 6 Fernandez, $330,800; 7, Navratilova, $312,868; 8, G Fernandez (US), $213,466; 9, N Zvereva (USSR), $207,717; 10, H Sukova (Cz), $206,579.

WOMEN'S INTER-COUNTY: Northumberland 6, South of Scotland 3

YACHTING

THE FAMOUS GROUSE BRITISH OPEN SIX-METRE CHAMPIONSHIPS. 1, Georgia (T Richardson); 2, Battle Cry (J Prentice), 3, Thisbe (P Bateman)

BEEFEATER GIN EDINBURGH CUP: First race: 1, Yankee Doodle Dandy (C Foster), 0pts, 2, Danish Blue (P Jenson), 3.0, 3, Barbary (P Price), 5.7, 4, Skal III (C Dicker), 8.0 5, Dommo (P Morton), 10.0; 6, Merlin (W Rudd) 11 70

ICE HOCKEY

NHL agrees to allow use of video replays

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — The National Hockey League (NHL) has become the second leading professional sport in the United States to allow the use of video replays when its board of governers approved the installation of a video goal judge in each arena to help the referee determine goal decisions.

The rule, agreed on Monday, may prove more difficult to implement than the National Football League's replay review. Not all NHL games are televised, unlike American football's case. But NHL officials said that each team tapes all its games for training purposes and that video would be available to the goal judge.

"This is not going to eliminate all controversies with respect to goals," John Zielger Jr, the NHL president, said. "But we can at least provide assistance to those people who have to make these difficult decisions."

Other changes include automatic penalties for players interfering with goaltenders who are in their crease, and disallowing any goals scored when a player pushes a goaltender into the net.

The league is also attempting to stop checks from behind near the boards. From next season, any player who cross-checks or pushes an unsuspecting player into the boards from behind will be given a major penalty and a game misconduct.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match

11.30 to 7.00

THE PARKS: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v West Indians.

NatWest Bank Trophy
First round

10.30, 60 overs

BATH: Somerset v Buckinghamshire.
BEDFORD: Bedfordshire v Worcestershire
BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Hertfordshire v Derbyshire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Dorset v Lancashire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Norfolk
CANTERBURY: Kent v Cambridgeshire.
DARLINGTON: Durham v Glamorgan
DUBLIN: Ireland v Middlesex.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
EDINBURGH: Scotland v Sussex.
EXMOUTH: Devon v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Shropshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Oxfordshire.
READING: Berkshire v Hampshire.
STONE: Staffordshire v Northamptonshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Lincolnshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Blackpool: Lancashire v Kent BP Llandarcy: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Derbyshire Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire Portsmouth: Hampshire v Surrey. Stratford-upon-Avon: Warwickshire v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Sussex

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: British Isles women's international (Belfast)
CYCLING: Irish east coast classic (Wicklow).
GOLF: English women's senior championship (Burnham and Berrow)
POLO: Ham Tournament (Ham, 3.00). Warwickshire Cup (Cirencester, 3.00); Kirtlington Tournament (Kirtlington, 3.00)
SPEEDWAY: Phonesport Cup: Second round, first leg: Long Eaton v Rye House (7 30)
TENNIS: Wimbledon championships

SHOOTING

Success may boost hopes for Olympics

By OUR SHOOTING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S Olympic prospects will depend to a great extent on the performance of the team announced yesterday for the European rifle and pistol championships in Bologna from July 17 to 27.

Shooting is only allocated 440 places for the Games, and each country has to win quota places in selected international events. Britain has only two at present, one for clay pigeon and one for air rifle (running target), and the Bologna tournament — with four quota slots on offer for each discipline — is the last chance to build up the numbers.

Philip Scanlan (prone rifle) and Michael Gault (free pistol) have both been within a point of quota placing in recent World Cup matches.

Paul Leatherdale and Geoffrey Robinson, the other two free pistol candidates, have wide international experience, but only two can go to Barcelona for each discipline.

The effect of Malcolm Cooper's retirement will be felt in the three-positions section, and Alister Allan, who finished runner-up to Cooper in Seoul, is not in the Bologna group.

TEAM: Rifle: Men. Prone: J Davis W Murray, P Scanlan 3 x 40 yards. Murray, R Nibbs Pistol. Free: M Gault, P Leatherdale, G Robinson Rapid fire: A Breton J Reid. Centre fire: T Armstrong, R Duckworth, J Harrison Women: Prone. V Blow, D Holland, K Morton 3 x 20 yards. Holland, Morton, L Volpin Sport pistol: C Page, M Thomas, B Young

Torch carrier

Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut, will light the flame at the opening ceremony of the World Student Games in Sheffield next month.

مطابقة للأصل

Swift return to pay for Starstreak

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

NAYLAND and **Starstreak**, who were both in action at Royal Ascot last week, make a quick return to active duty at Kempton Park this evening to contest the Racal-Vodafone Stakes, the day's most valuable race.

Steve Cauthen will again be on the Queen Anne Stakes fourth Nayland while Michael Roberts takes over from Richard Quinn, required by Paul Cole at Chester, on Starstreak, who finished fifth in the Prince of Wales's Stakes.

I just prefer the Mark Johnston-trained Starstreak, who won the White Rose Stakes at Ascot last season before being narrowly beaten in both the Prix de la Force at Longchamp, where he was ridden by Roberts incidentally, and the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood.

Neither Eton Lad nor Spinning should manage to give Starstreak weight, so the main threat could well come from the Tony Cruz-partnered Crystal Path, who was just touched off by Pfalz at Sandown last time after beating Fanmore there.

For Cauthen the evening should not be without its reward, irrespective of how Nayland fares, because he has an excellent chance of winning the Capital Gold Fillies Graduation Stakes for Sheikh Mohammed on **Ziska**.

Once talked of as being potentially a Guineas filly, Ziska failed to come to hand in time in the spring so Henry Cecil wisely did not rush her. But she is thriving now and, following a comfortable win at Yarmouth, she looks poised to beat her owner's other runner, Shaima, and Pipsqueak.

Grammos, who easily won at Leicester first time out this term, can complete a double for Cecil by winning the ladies' race.

Balasani, my selection for the Racal Radio Handicap, was in fine form for Martin Pipe over hurdles last season, winning four of his eight races.

While he was a disappointment on the Flat last year when trained by John Jenkins, it could be that Pipe has found the answer and his spell of hurdling may have rekindled his fire of old.

Having napped **Macfarlane** to win a handicap at Newbury yesterday only for the meeting to fall victim to the weather, I feel bound to remain loyal to the Martin Fetherstone-Godley-trained sprinter now that he has been re-routed to Chester. He won there so decisively in May when the going was also soft and he has the additional bonus of a good low draw for the GMS Industrial Fasteners Handicap.

I also like the look of both **Calachuchi** (7.00) and **One For The Pot** (7.30) on the Roodeye now that the ground is to their liking.

Elsewhere, Ray Cochrane appears to have a good chance of landing a double at Salisbury on **The Green Boys** (2.00) and **Smart Blade** (3.00). The Green Boys, my selection for the Southampton Maiden Stakes, was noted running on really strongly at Newbury recently in the race won by Jitterbugging.

Smart Blade, who has already scored on the Wiltshire track once this season, looks good enough to capture the Gibbs Mew Bibury Cup.

SALISBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 The Green Boys.	2.00 The Green Boys.	4.00 CARNIVAL BABY (nap).
2.30 Dazzlingly Radiant.	2.30 Baysham.	
3.00 Smart Blade.	3.00 PARIS OF TROY (nap).	
3.30 Phussandbussle.	3.30 Phussandbussle.	
4.00 Sariah.	4.00 Sariah.	
4.30 Quietly Impressive.	4.30 Replicate.	
5.00 Regal Scintilla.	5.00 Regal Scintilla.	

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 EBF SOUTHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £3,076: 6f 212yd) (15 runners)

1	(15)		AFFIRMED'S DESTINY (S Khaled) J Dunlop 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
2	(7)	005	BALZAO 12 (C Buckle) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	—
3	(10)		BUNDESBANK (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
4	(11)		CONFRONTER (Y Nasib) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
5	(1)	0	COPY LANE 26 (L Hamilton) M Channon 9-0	B Rouse	—
6	(8)		ISTANBULLU (O Birol) M Bell 9-0	M Hills	—
7	(5)	02	KING OF NORMANDY 12 (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone	86
8	(12)	30	MASTER SHIKARI 88 (Mrs M Tinkler) S Dow 9-0	W Newnes	77
9	(9)		MODERN BALLET (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	L Dettori	—
10	(3)		RED FOR DANGER (B) (The Queen) I Balding 9-0	B Raymond	—
11	(6)		REGAL RACER (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-0	S Cauthen	—
12	(4)		SEA PRODIGY (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 9-0	J Reid	—
13	(14)	5	SILVER WISP 13 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	80
14	(2)	2	THE GREEN BOYS 13 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) R Akehurst 9-0	R Cochrane	● 99
15	(13)		TOP SPIN (Mrs H Dalgety) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	—

BETTING: 11-4 Bundesbank, 5-1 The Green Boys, 6-1 Silver Wisp, Regal Racer, 13-2 King Of Normandy, 8-1 Affirmed's Destiny, Top Spin, 10-1 Master Shikari.

1990: SELF EXPRESSION 9-0 S Cauthen (6-1) I Balding 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

KING OF NORMANDY 7l 2nd to Cambrian Hills at Goodwood (6f, good) with BALZAO 4½l 5th. THE GREEN BOYS 2l 2nd to Jitterbugging at Newbury (6f 8yd, good) with SILVER WISP 4l 5th.
AFFIRMED'S DESTINY (foaled Apr 30, cost $39,000) half-brother by Affirmed to several winners in the United States; dam won three races in the United States. BUNDESBANK half-brother by The Minstrel to Habitassa, winner of three races at up to 1m 2f at home and five races at up to 1m 1f in the United States; dam won three races at up to 1m 4f and placed in Irish Oaks and Irish St.Leger.
CONFRONTER (Feb 19) by Bluebird out of a half-sister to Sussex Stakes winner Ace of Aces. ISTANBULLU (Feb 28) Half-brother by Jalmood to Sharp Sea, winner at up to 1m; dam won at up to 1m 2f.
MODERN BALLET (Mar 30, 45,000gns) by Alzao half-brother to Greens Masterpiece, 5f juvenile winner and winner of three races in Italy; dam placed as a juvenile. RED FOR DANGER (Apr 16) by Formidable out of a modest staying mare.
TOP SPIN (Feb 23, Ir34,000gns) half-brother by Niniski to Salchow, 7f juvenile winner; dam unraced.
No selection

2.30 ALDERHOLT SPRINT HANDICAP (£6,316: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(8)	546-304	DICKENS LANE 37 (D) (J Horgan) R Hannon 4-9-10	R Perham (5)	85
2	(4)	001120	GREEN DOLLAR 5 (D,F,G) (B Azamoudeh) E Wheeler 8-9-8	Pat Eddery	95
3	(13)	003025	LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 5 (B,CD,F) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-6	J Marshall (7)	97
4	(9)	00-0301	HARD TO FIGURE 11 (D,F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-9-5	J Williams	96
5	(14)	30-4444	ALMASA 14 (D,F,G) (M Nasher) J Fox 3-9-4	A McGlone	87
6	(3)	250043	CRAFT EXPRESS 18 (V,G) (Mrs V Rowland) M Johnston 5-8-13	T Quinn	98
7	(5)	13450-0	DAZZLINGLY RADIANT 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Davis) R Hannon 4-8-10	W R Swinburn	86
8	(2)	341346	LUNA BID 9 (CD,F,G,S) (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 8-8-10	J Reid	95
9	(6)	10-0210	BALIGAY 19 (BF,CD,F,G) (H Camell & Son Ltd) R Hodges 6-8-9	T Sprake (5)	93
10	(12)	020124	DOMINUET 14 (BF,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 6-8-8	R Fox	94
11	(11)	20-0414	BAYSHAM 26 (B,CD,G) (W Butt) B Millman 5-8-5	R Price (5)	96
12	(1)	05020-2	LA BELLE VIE 22 (D,F,G) (R Lawson) J Baker 5-8-5	G Carter	89
13	(10)	3-00024	DIVINE PET 11 (BF,CD,F,G) (Mrs A Taylor) W Wightman 6-8-0	W Carson	● 99
14	(7)	000-000	SUPER ZOOM 13 (S) (B Taylor) M Channon 5-7-7	J Quinn	—

Long handicap: Super Zoom 7-5

BETTING: 9-2 Divine Pet, 5-1 Craft Express, 11-2 Green Dollar, 13-2 Letsbeonestaboutit, 7-1 Almasa, 10-1 Baysham, La Belle Vie, 12-1 Dominuet, 14-1 Luna Bid

1990: SOLOMON'S SONG 4-9-3 W Carson (7-1) M Johnston 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DICKENS LANE 13l 4th to Sizzling Saga at Folkestone (6f, firm) GREEN DOLLAR beat Gallant Hope a neck at Epsom (6f, good) with CRAFT EXPRESS (5lb better off) neck 3rd. BALIGAY (same terms) 8½l 10th and LETSBEONESTABOUTIT (6lb better off) 4l 11th
LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 5½l 5th to Amigo Menor in Wokingham Handicap at Ascot (6f, good). HARD TO FIGURE beat LETSBEONESTABOUTIT (3lb better off) ¾l at Bath (5f 167yd, good) with DIVINE PET (7lb better off) 3¾l 4th. ALMASA 4l 4th to Royale Robinia at Newbury (6f 8yd, good). BAYSHAM beat DOMINUET (6lb worse off) 1½l over course and distance (good) with LUNA BID (1lb worse off) 1½l 3rd, DIVINE PET (10lb better off) 8l 9th and HARD TO FIGURE (4lb better off) 10th.
LA BELLE VIE 2l 2nd to Annabelle Royale at Yarmouth (7f 2yd, firm).
Selection: HARD TO FIGURE

3.00 GIBBS MEW BIBURY CUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,542: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1	(2)	50-42	MACEDONAS 8 (P Theocharous) Miss A Whitfield 9-7	W R Swinburn	88
2	(3)	0322	TACTICAL MISSION 12 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-7	T Mclaughlin (7)	84
3	(5)	332-0	KELTIE 13 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-4	S Cauthen	89
4	(8)	34-12	SMART BLADE 38 (BF,C,G) (J Smith) I Balding 9-3	R Cochrane	94
5	(9)	01-4504	PARIS OF TROY 12 (S) (M Christofi) M Jarvis 9-2	B Raymond	96
6	(10)	154406	DOM WAC 19 (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 8-10	M Hills	95
7	(1)	1-0005	WICKED THINGS 15 (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-10	J Williams	93
8	(7)	440-1	MULOOF 165 (F Salman) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	86
9	(6)	300-13	PAPER DANCE 29 (BF,G) (M Dellimore) R Holder 8-5	N Adams	● 99
10	(4)	00-021	JAMES IS SPECIAL 19 (D,G) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 7-9	J Quinn	85

BETTING: 3-1 Smart Blade, 4-1 James Is Special, 5-1 Tactical Mission, 11-2 Muloof, 6-1 Paris Of Troy, 8-1 Dom Wac, 10-1 Paper Dance

1990: CALGARY REDEYE 8-13 W Carson (7-2) P Makin 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MACEDONAS 1½l 2nd to Stylish Senor in graduation race at Thirsk (1m 4f, good) TACTICAL MISSION 1½l 2nd to Mrs Barton in Goodwood claimer (1m 4f, good) KELTIE 3l 2nd to Persian Halo at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to soft) penultimate start: tailed off last behind Roberty Lea at Newbury (1m 4f 5yd, good) latest. SMART BLADE 2½l 2nd to No Sid No Stars at Beverley (1m 2f, firm), previously easily beat Whitechapel 3l in maiden here (1m 2f, good) PARIS OF TROY 4l 4th to Danzarin at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm). MULOOF beat Classic Account 4l in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). PAPER DANCE 3l 3rd to Scenic Dancer at Leicester (1m 2f, good).
JAMES IS SPECIAL beat Chiefs Babu ½l at Goodwood (1m 4f, good).
Selection: SMART BLADE (nap)

3.30 MARTIN CLAIMING STAKES (Division I: 3-Y-O: 1m: £3,158) (14 runners)

1	(6)	033	VOODOO RHYTHM 4 (B,BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	Paul Eddery	83
2	(7)	00036	VIDEO WALL 16 (Video Equipment Hire) R Smyth 8-11	A Martinez (7)	80
3	(9)	0	LOGARITHM 15 (Avon Industries) P Makin 8-10	B Raymond	—
4	(8)	3-10105	RACE TO TIME 12 (D,G) (Witley Engineering) R Akehurst 8-10	W R Swinburn	87
5	(13)	501-203	EVADING 23 (BF) (J Wigan) Lord Huntingdon 8-2	Dale Gibson	90
6	(10)	00-0	HARLEQUIN GIRL 14 (M Wakeling) K Ivory 8-2	D Biggs (5)	80
7	(1)	505305	PETER PUMPKIN 22 (B) (Mrs J Laycock) R Voorspuy 8-1	Jaid Houston	73
8	(11)	000	TRUE TO KEEP 16 (T Lock) J Bethell 7-12	T Williams	—
9	(5)	00-0002	ECHO LADY 19 (Southern Evening Echo Owners Group) G Balding 7-10	J Quinn	89
10	(14)	60060-0	GLEN FINNAN 29 (Bar Equipment and Refrigeration Co) J Fox 7-10	D Gibbs (7)	—
11	(2)	000	MABEL BROWN 11 (B) (D Brown) J Roberts 7-10	N Adams	—
12	(4)	4-60050	MISS BURFIELD 11 (D Allen) R Hannon 7-10	G Bardwell	83
13	(3)	05-600	PARISIAN EXPRESS 26 (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 7-10	S Dawson	82
14	(12)	00-5	PHUSSANDBUSSLE 50 (Mrs M Simmonds) J Dunlop 7-10	W Carson	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Voodoo Rhythm, 100-30 Phussandbussle, 7-2 Race To Time, 13-2 Evading, 15-2 Echo Lady.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

VOODOO RHYTHM 3½l 3rd to Golden Chip at Ayr (1m 2f, good) latest VIDEO WALL hampered final furlong when 1¼l 3rd to Dream Carrier in Folkestone (7f, firm) handicap on penultimate start with PETER PUMPKIN (7lb worse off) 6½l 5th.
RACE TO TIME weakened 2f out when a 17½l 5th of 13 to Northern Flyer in Goodwood (1m 2f, good) handicap latest; beat Domnora 1½l in Warwick (1m, good) handicap in April
EVADING 4½l 3rd to Va Utu in Leicester (1m, good) seller with MISS BURFIELD well beaten 13th, head 2nd to Salbyng in Nottingham (1m 50yd, good to soft) handicap in April with PARISIAN EXPRESS 10¾l 7th
ECHO LADY 4l 2nd to Ciboure at Goodwood (1m, good) with MISS BURFIELD (3lb better off) 4¼l 5th
MISS BURFIELD 12l 8th to Greenhills Lad at Bath (1m 2f 50yd, good) with MABEL BROWN tailed off last of 17.
PHUSSANDBUSSLE 5¾l 5th of 14 to Bid For Elegance at Salisbury (1m, good) with TRUE TO KEEP 12¼l 8th.
Selection: ECHO LADY

4.00 HERBERT AND GWEN BLAGRAVE MEMORIAL LIMITED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £10,867: 1m 1f 209yd) (7 runners)

1	(2)	24-0002	SELF EXPRESSION 12 (C,F) (G Smart) I Balding 9-7	J Reid	92
2	(5)	2-12	SARIAH 23 (BF,G) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-5	W Carson	88
3	(3)	65-311	CARNIVAL BABY 7 (F,S) (J Mabee) M Stoute 8-13 (5ex)	Pat Eddery	● 99
4	(1)	0-31012	NO SID NO STARS 22 (BF,F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) D Morley 8-11	W R Swinburn	89
5	(4)	3-561	BUSHY TAILED 22 (F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-10	G Carter	88
6	(6)	050332	CITY SOLACE 11 (C,F) (D Caruth) R Hannon 8-9	R Perham (5)	91
7	(7)	12-6602	AFFAIR OF HONOUR 9 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-0	C Rutter	91

Long handicap: Affair Of Honour 7-13

BETTING: 100-30 Carnival Baby, 7-2 Sariah, 5-1 Bushy Tailed, 11-2 Self Expression, 6-1 No Sid No Stars, Affair Of Honour, 10-1 City Solace.

1990: SONG OF SIXPENCE 6-9-3 S Cauthen (7-2) I Balding 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SELF EXPRESSION neck 2nd to Danzarin at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm) latest. SARIAH 3l 2nd to Dako at Leicester (7f, good), previously beat subsequent scorer Katy Ann Bee 1½l in Newmarket (7f, good) maiden. CARNIVAL BABY beat Urray On Harry 3½l at Ripon (1m, good to soft); previously beat Field of Honour a head (pair clear) in Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm) maiden. NO SID NO STARS made all to beat Smart Blade 2½l at Beverley (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start. Improving BUSHY TAILED beat NO SID NO STARS (3lb better off) 1l at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, firm)
CITY SOLACE 1l 2nd to Northern Conqueror at Sandown (1m 2f, good) latest; previously 3½l 2nd to Rare Detail at Leicester (1m 4f, good)
AFFAIR OF HONOUR 2l 2nd to Tibrack at Windsor (1m 2f 22yd, good)
Selection: BUSHY TAILED

4.30 MARTIN CLAIMING STAKES (Division II: 3-Y-O: £3,132: 1m) (14 runners)

1	(6)	0-40	BREAKERS AHEAD 11 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	R Cochrane	89
2	(11)	560-0	PERJURY 20 (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-11	S Cauthen	87
3	(1)	6	SUNLEY SENSATION 102 (Sunley Holdings Plc) M Channon 8-10	J Quinn	—
4	(4)	525150	QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 20 (CD,G) (C Wates) M Bell 8-9	L Dettori	92
5	(12)	504-005	EURO MARK 16 (R Toovey) M Madgwick 8-7	J Williams	80
6	(10)	000-560	MILLSOLIN 34 (M Butler) A Davison 8-7	Candy Morris	84
7	(5)	0-0	YEOMAN BOUND 9 (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 8-7	M Wigham	—
8	(9)	00-0060	YOUNG JAMES 15 (Mrs M Rowe) J Baker 8-7	R Fox	79
9	(2)	61-6005	REED BED 18 (B,G) (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-6	B Rouse	● 99
10	(7)	4	TOWER BRIDGE 9 (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-5	Pat Eddery	89
11	(3)	40430-0	FOO FOO 29 (C Buttery) D Marks 8-2	A Clark	74
12	(14)	030-50	REPLICATE 22 (Mrs R Wigley) J Hills 8-0	R Hills	95
13	(13)	0004-50	ROYAL MARRIAGE 11 (P Warren) M Usher 8-0	C Rutter	88
14	(8)	00000-0	MARDIOR 9 (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 7-10	T Williams	86

BETTING: 2-1 Reed Bed, 4-1 Breakers Ahead, 9-2 Perjury, 6-1 Replicate, 10-1 Tower Bridge, 12-1 Quietly Impressive, 14-1 Sunley Sensation

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BREAKERS AHEAD disappointing 23l 5th to Beebob at Sandown (1m 2f, good) latest; previously 5l 4th to Gant Bleu at Ripon (1m, good to firm).
PERJURY staying-on 14l 8th of 13 to Eternal Flame at Epsom (1m 114yd, good) with QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE (3lb worse off) 1l 9th. QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE better judged on 3l beating of Romanian in handicap over course and distance (good) in May.
REED BED 4¾l 5th of 9 to Sunley Sparkle at Epsom (7f, good) latest.
TOWER BRIDGE 13l 4th of 5 to Field of Honour in Brighton (1m, good to firm) maiden.
REPLICATE 10l 7th of 12 to Dream Carrier in Folkestone (7f, firm) handicap; previously 4½l 5th of 14 to Wsom in Warwick (7f, good to firm) handicap
Selection: REED BED

5.00 WEYHILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,856: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(4)		BELLA BETTINA (E Astaire) R Hannon 8-11	B Raymond	—
2	(11)	0	GHOSTED HASSLE 19 (G Charles-Jones) P Burgoyne 8-11	T Sprake (5)	—
3	(9)		GOOGLY (A Lansley) W Wightman 8-11	W Newnes	—
4	(1)		HARVEST GIRL (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	S Whitworth	—
5	(2)		KINDRED CAMEO (J Ward Hill) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
6	(8)		MEXICAN DANCER (Mrs P W Talbot-Ponsonby) R Holder 8-11	J Williams	—
7	(5)	4	MISS VAXETTE 12 (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 8-11	L Dettori	—
8	(3)	4	MUSVAL 11 (W Kelly) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham (5)	—
9	(6)		PARISIEN SINGER (J Smith) I Balding 8-11	R Cochrane	—
10	(10)	6	PERSISTENT GIRL 14 (Mrs C Darby) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	—
11	(7)	624	REGAL SCINTILLA 14 (BF) (Theo Waddington Ltd) G Balding 8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
12	(12)		SWALLOWCLIFFE (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 8-11	Pat Eddery	—

BETTING: 9-4 Regal Scintilla, 11-4 Swallowcliffe, 4-1 Parisien Singer, 5-1 Persistent Girl, 7-1 Musval, 10-1 Miss Vaxette, 16-1 others.

1990: DOMINIO 8-11 R Cochrane (4-1) P Walwyn 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	21	56	37.5	Pat Eddery	58	259	22.4
A Scott	8	30	26.7	S Cauthen	43	217	19.8
R Charlton	4	16	25.0	R Cochrane	28	168	16.7
L Cumani	12	54	22.2	W R Swinburn	29	179	16.2
P Walwyn	14	90	15.6	W Carson	37	272	13.6
D Elsworth	19	127	15.0	M Roberts	17	141	12.1

KEMPTON PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
6.40 Coppermill Lad.	6.40 Caromish.	7.10 Ziska.
7.10 Ziska.	7.10 Shaima.	8.10 Grammos.
7.40 Starstreak.	7.40 Crystal Path.	
8.10 Grammos.	8.10 Grammos.	
8.40 Balasani.	8.40 Star North.	
9.10 Premier Prince.	9.10 Aldahe.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.10 ZISKA (nap). 8.10 Grammos.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.40 STAR NORTH.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.40 RACAL-CHUBB HANDICAP (£3,756: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(7)	40-0025	RANCHO MIRAGE 19 (G) (J Redmond) J Watts 4-10-0	W R Swinburn	86
2	(10)	340-630	CAROMISH 12 (CD,G,S) (Newbury Racing Club) M Usher 4-9-12	M Wigham	94
3	(5)	3154-50	ASHTINA 11 (D,F,G,S) (Miss S Joyner) J Sutcliffe 6-9-9	Pat Eddery	89
4	(9)	2210-34	NORFOLKIEV 39 (D,BF,G) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 5-9-8	A Cruz	91
5	(8)	033013	HARRY'S COMING 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Wetherall) R Hodges 7-9-7	M Roberts	88
6	(6)	000-400	ACROSS THE BAY 47 (F) (J Redmond) S Dow 4-9-0	L Dettori	91
7	(1)	000-000	KRISTIS GIRL 13 (S) (Mrs S Mantle) D Haydn Jones 4-8-12	W Carson	82
8	(4)	246605	COPPERMILL LAD 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Sargood) L Holt 8-8-5	N Adams	● 99
9	(3)	034054	ZINBAQ 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 5-8-2	S Wood (3)	93
10	(2)	000	TANGO TIME 15 (R Shannon) R Hannon 3-8-2	G Bardwell	—

BETTING: 9-2 Ashtina, 5-1 Coppermill Lad, 11-2 Harry's Coming, 6-1 Caromish, 13-2 Norfolkiev, 7-1 Across The Bay, 8-1 Rancho Mirage, 10-1 Zinbaq, 12-1 Kristis Girl, 14-1 Tango Time.

1990: EASY LINE 7-10-0 Pat Eddery (9-2 fav) P Felden 13 ran

7.10 CAPITAL GOLD GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,275: 1m) (8 runners)

1	(7)	0-1	PIPSQUEAK 14 (C,S) (Mrs C Heath) R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	● 99
2	(8)	31-4	SHAIMA 40 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0	L Dettori	93
3	(1)	3-1	ZISKA 21 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	80
4	(6)	0-0	AIR DANCER 39 (Mrs E Richards) R Johnson Houghton 8-8	M Roberts	—
5	(5)	00-	BIRD OF PEACE 246 (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-8	W Newnes	68
6	(3)		COLLIDE (Maj M Wyatt) H Candy 8-8	C Rutter	—
7	(4)		MRS BUN (S Hastings Bass) Lord Huntingdon 8-8	B Raymond	—
8	(2)		STOCK HILL LADY (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 8-8	T Sprake (5)	—

BETTING: 2-1 Ziska, 5-2 Shaima, 3-1 Pipsqueak, 8-1 Mrs Bun, 12-1 Collide, 16-1 Bird Of Peace, 20-1 Air Dancer, 33-1 Stock Hill Lady

1990: SINGING 8-8 Pat Eddery (4-5 fav) B Hills 6 ran

7.40 RACAL-VODAFONE STAKES (Listed race: £10,300: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1	(6)	50-3045	ETON LAD 21 (G) (W Seed) N Callaghan 4-9-13	B Raymond	87
2	(4)	14220-	SPINNING 116J (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-10	R Cochrane	87
3	(5)	0611-00	AZZAAM 67 (D,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-7	W Carson	● 99
4	(7)	2-35514	NAYLAND 8 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 5-9-7	S Cauthen	91
5	(8)	120-061	NORTHERN HAL 14 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	87
6	(3)	2356-05	STARSTREAK 8 (D,F,S) (Skeltools Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-7	M Roberts	97
7	(2)	213-212	CRYSTAL PATH 30 (F,G) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 3-8-4	A Cruz	94
8	(1)	10-0204	JIMLIL 14 (G) (J Knowles) B Palling 3-8-4	R Hills	88

BETTING: 7-2 Nayland, 4-1 Starstreak, 9-2 Crystal Path, 5-1 Eton Lad, 6-1 Northern Hal, 8-1 Azzaam, 10-1 Spinning, 12-1 Jimlil

1990: STARLET 4-9-2 J Reid (5-1) W Hastings-Bass 10 ran

8.10 KEMPTON TRAINERS' CHALLENGE (Lady riders: £3,003: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

1	(1)	0510-1	KAUSAR 88 (G) (W Boothroyd) G Moore 4-10-7	Suzie Francome	—
2	(7)	3-00124	KNOCK KNOCK 11 (CD,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 6-10-7	Clare Balding	92
3	(6)	0-	METTERNICH 377J (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 6-10-7	Sally Smithson	—
4	(4)	0/40606-	GORDANO 86J (R Davis) D Jermy 4-10-2	Anne Jermy	50
5	(8)	13-4232	SUSURRATION 14 (S) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 4-10-2	Lydia Pearce	98
6	(5)	5/0/00-0	CHURCH STAR 14 (B) (J Bridger) J Bridger 7-9-11	Madeline Bridger	—
7	(2)	16-1	GRAMMOS 18 (F,G) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 3-9-10	Sharon Murgatroyd	● 99
8	(3)	0-00	HENRY LODGE 20 (Witch Racing Club) G Enright 3-9-5	Midge Enright	64

BETTING: 5-4 Grammos, 6-4 Susurration, 5-1 Knock Knock, 16-1 Kausar, 33-1 Henry Lodge, 50-1 others

1990: AKDAM 5-10-7 Miss E Johnson Houghton (8-1) R Johnson Houghton 13 ran

8.40 RACAL RADIO HANDICAP (£3,886: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1	(2)	210-040	SLIPRAIL 21 (F) (Major M G Wyatt) H Candy 4-10-0	C Rutter	86
2	(9)	00/01	STAR NORTH 8 (D,G,S) (Orchid Racing Ltd) M McCormack 7-9-13 (4ex)	W Newnes	● 99
3	(13)	56-6451	KAYTAK 11 (D,G,S) (T Myles & Co Ltd) J Jenkins 4-9-7	G Baxter	93
4	(11)	54030-1	BOOKCASE 14 (CD,F,S) (Miss R Wakeford) D Elsworth 4-9-6	J Williams	86
5	(7)	5-66405	AGAINST YOU 14 (G Morby) R Akehurst 4-9-5	R Hills	87
6	(3)	342-332	ROSGILL 25 (F) (Brigadier Racing) P Mitchell 5-9-2	M Roberts	87
7	(8)	42-254	SAFFAAH 18 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-9-2	W Carson	87
8	(4)	0113-00	ROYAL PASSION 23 (G,S) (J Good) M Jarvis 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	88
9	(5)	501/350-	WESTERN DANCER 425 (CD,F,G,S) (L Spencer) C Horgan 10-8-11	A Clark	80
10	(10)	0-6040	DOMAIN 9 (E Rertel) J Akehurst 3-7-13	S O'Gorman (3)	80
11	(1)	010000	MILTON BURN 8 (CD,F,G,S) (A Richards) C Austin 10-7-11	B Doyle (5)	90
12	(12)	043500-	BALASANI 30J (D,S) (M Smith) M Pipe 5-7-10	T Williams	90
13	(6)	0/5-0030	THE YOMPER 11 (S) (M Riley) R Curtis 9-7-7	G Bardwell	87

Long handicap: The Yomper 7-3

BETTING: 5-1 Star North, 11-2 Kaytak, 6-1 Bookcase, 7-1 Balasani, 8-1 Sliprail, 10-1 Rosgill, Saffaah, 12-1 Royal Passion, Western Dancer, 14-1 others

1990: OPERA GHOST 4-10-0 W R Swinburn (6-1) P Harris 15 ran

9.10 RACAL DATACOM HANDICAP (£4,198: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(4)	10350-0	DAUNTESS 21 (CD,G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 4-9-11	J Williams	90
2	(6)	001043-	PIQUANT 208 (F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7	W R Swinburn	92
3	(15)	32-1065	CONVIVIAL 19 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) A Scott 3-9-4	B Raymond	89
4	(2)	030210-	PET SHOP BOY 338 (G) (Mrs N Myers) T Thomson Jones 3-9-0	S Whitworth	85
5	(1)	0200-30	MANGO MANILA 14 (D,G) (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 6-8-13	S Cauthen	95
6	(7)	30-0313	JOKIST 8 (C,D,F,G,S) (W Robertson) W Jarvis 8-8-12	Pat Eddery	94
7	(14)	000-020	BLUE ROOM 16 (D,BF,F) (G Hicks) R Akehurst 4-8-12	R Hills	99
8	(16)	003102	AMETHYSTINE 13 (D,F) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-8-9	T Sprake (5)	96
9	(11)	060-002	HIGHEST PRAISE 11 (D,F,S) (Miss S Knight) D Morris 8-8-7	B Rouse	● 99
10	(9)	030015	CRONK'S QUALITY 9 (F,G,S) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-8-6	Paul Eddery	98
11	(12)	3-14524	ON Y VA 11 (D,S) (T Horner) R Williams 4-8-5	W Carson	97
12	(3)	60-0001	PREMIER PRINCE 19 (D,F,G,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 5-8-1	C Rutter	98
13	(13)	260-600	ANTAGONIST 55 (Mrs S Prowse) B Millman 4-7-12	J Quinn	98
14	(8)	450501	ALDAHE 9 (D,F) (Portman Racing) B Millman 6-7-11	—	98
15	(10)	0/400-	WILLESDON 258J (Mrs V Palmer) A Barrow 7-7-11	J Hunter (7)	—
16	(5)	600450	SERGEANT MERYLL 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Irving) P Howling 7-7-7	F Norton (5)	—

Long handicap: Sergeant Meryll 7-1

BETTING: 5-1 Aldahe, 13-2 Amethystine, 7-1 Premier Prince, 15-2 Jokist, 8-1 Mango Manila, Highest Praise, 10-1 Convivial, Blue Room, 12-1 Dauntess, On Y Va, 14-1 Piquant, Cronk's Quality, 16-1 others.

1990: PETTICOAT POWER 4-9-0 J Williams (3-1) G Balding 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Johnston	3	5	60.0	Pat Eddery	45	184	24.5
G Harwood	33	133	29.1	S Cauthen	27	115	23.5
G Wragg	6	23	26.1	W R Swinburn	12	66	18.2
M Stoute	7	31	22.6	R Price	4	25	16.0
R Charlton	3	14	21.4	W Carson	26	175	14.9
I Balding	26	170	15.3	R Cochrane	19	137	13.9

CHESTER

MANDARIN

6.30 Speaker's House. 7.00 Calachuchi. 7.30 One For The Pot. 8.00 MACFARLANE (nap). 8.30 Hajaim. 9.00 Stormswept.

THUNDERER

6.30 Speaker's House. 7.00 Calachuchi. 7.30 One For The Pot. 8.00 Macfarlane. 8.30 Hajaim. 9.00 Debsy Do.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 Rose Glen.

GOING: HEAVY DRAW: 5F, LOW BEST

6.30 BROXTON GRADUATION STAKES
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £4,077: 7f) (4 runners)

1	13	SEAGULL HOLLOW 16 (F) M H Easterby 9-4	M Birch 4
2	1	SPEAKER'S HOUSE 48 (F) P Cole 9-4	T Quinn 1
3	221	WAVE HILL 11 (G) H Cecil 9-4	W Ryan 3
4	0	ADMIRAL ALBERT 60 C Brittain 8-11	G Crealock 2

8-4 Speaker's House, 7-4 Wave Hill, 3-1 Seagull Hollow

7.00 TARVIN CLAIMING STAKES
(£4,695: 1m 2f 85yd) (16)

1	2151	CALACHUCHI 18 (D,G,S) Camacho 4-9-1	N Connorton 13
2	2200	SHIKARI KID 33 (S) S Norton 4-9-0	S Perks 12
3	66	FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 8 C Broad 6-8-12	Lorna Vincent 16
4	506-	HITCHENSTOWN 28J (CD,S) M O'Neill 8-8-12	J Fortune 14
5	-500	XAI-TANG 18 (S) K White 4-8-12	V Smith 2
6	2246	AL SHAREEF 12 (S) D Burchell 6-8-10	Dean McKeown 8
7	-000	CREAM AND GREEN 39 (C,S) K White 7-8-10	N Carlisle 5
8	3013	DIAMOND PATH 5 (F,S) N Tinkler 5-8-10	D Nicholls 6
9	0002	GREAT GUSTO 13 (F) R Holder 5-8-10	G Duffield 4
10	0502	TIMES ARE HARD 12 (V,D) D Burchell 7-8-10	— 7
11	00/	TRUSS 28J C Smith 4-8-10	A Spence (7) 3
12	40	GRANNY MC 6 E Alston 4-8-9	K Fallon 11
13	0541	ROSE GLEN 5 (F,G) A Bailey 5-8-7	A Tucker (5) 10
14	-000	ARBIE 32 (G,S) R Peacock 5-8-5	M Birch 15
15	0-00	ROSGWEN 19 C Smith 4-8-5	A Mackay 9
16	-405	FRANSYLCO 12 (V) J Etherington 3-8-2	D Holland (3) 1

11-8 Calachuchi, 100-30 Rose Glen, 9-2 Diamond Path, 6-1 Al Shareef, 8-1 Times Are Hard, 12-1 Fransylco, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 10 winners from 30 runners, 33.3%; A Bailey, 6 from 29, 20.7%, C Brittain, 11 from 65, 16.9%, M Stoute, 7 from 46, 15.2%, P Cole 5 from 36, 13.9%; S Norton, 10 from 75, 13.3%

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 8 winners from 40 rides, 20.0%, J Fortune, 3 from 18, 16.7%, T Quinn, 5 from 35, 14.3%, Dean McKeown, 4 from 28, 14.3%, J Lowe, 11 from 88, 12.5%; G Duffield, 8 from 69, 11.6%

7.30 CORBETT BOOKMAKERS TROPHY HANDICAP (£4,919: 1m 5f 88yd) (5)

1	221-	BONDSTONE 352 (G,S) H Cecil 4-10-3	W Ryan 5
2	-163	ONE FOR THE POT 18 (BF,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-7-13	D Holland (3) 3
3	-520	MUIZENBERG 11 J Edwards 4-7-8	A Mackay 4
4	0111	DEPOSKI 34 (V,F,G) M Stoute 3-7-7	J Lowe 2
5	4051	NIKITAS 18 (F,G) Miss A Whitfield 6-7-7	N Carlisle 1

13-8 Deposki, 3-1 One for The Pot, 7-2 Bondstone, 5-1 Nikitas, 8-1 Muizenberg

8.00 GMS INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS HANDICAP (£5,114: 5f) (10)

1	6-04	MIAMI BANKER 48 (B,D,G,S) P Howling 5-10-0	M Birch 7
2	-100	LOVE RETURNED 21 (D,G,S) W Jarvis 4-9-12	M Tebbutt 8
3	0021	HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 12 (F,G,D) J Berry 3-9-1	J Carroll 4
4	-310	MACFARLANE 11 (CD,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-6	W Ryan 1
5	1023	BREEZY DAY 8 (BF,CD,G) B McMahon 5-8-4	T Quinn 2
6	1404	GONDO 4 (V,F) E Alston 4-7-11	D Holland (3) 5
7	0-56	ANKARA'S PRINCESS 32 (CD,F) R Hollinshead 4-7-7	A Garth (7) 9
8	4463	FRIMLEY PARKSON 4 (D,F,G) P Howling 7-7-7	J Lowe 6
9	5643	MORE LARKS 19 (B) M James 3-7-7	N Carlisle 10
10	0600	NAGEM 13 (B,F) L Barratt 8-7-7	A Mackay 3

11-4 Heaven-Leigh-Grey, 7-2 Miami Banker, 4-1 Macfarlane, 6-1 Breezy Day, 8-1 Gondo, 10-1 Frimley Parkson, 12-1 others

8.30 MID SUMMER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,308: 7f 122yd) (6)

1	0-51	PANIKIN 32 (D,F) J Wharton 9-7	M Birch 2
2	3223	SALUTING WALTER 12 M Ryan 9-0	G Duffield 5
3	1024	WORLDBETA 18 (B,CD,S) J Watts 8-5	Dean McKeown 4
4	0-46	HAJAIM 32 (D,F) C Brittain 7-13	G Crealock 6
5	0-22	HIGH PREMIUM 5 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8	J Lowe 3
6	0120	WSOM 20 (D,F) M O'Neill 7-7	L Charnock 1

2-1 Hajaim, 7-2 Worldbeta, 4-1 Saluting Walter, 6-1 Panikin, 8-1 High Premium, 10-1 Wsom

9.00 FARNDON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,444: 5f) (4)

1	3	DEBSY DO 39 S Norton 8-11	K Darley 3
2	5	PERSIAN EMPRESS 33 B McMahon 8-11	G Duffield 2
3	60	SPOUT HOUSE 32 (B) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch 4
4	324	STORMSWEPT 28 (BF) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll 1

Evens Stormswept, 5-2 Debsy Do, 3-1 Persian Empress, 12-1 Spout House

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 2.00 Red For Danger. 3.30 Voodoo Rhythm. CHESTER: 9.00 Spout House

CARLISLE

MANDARIN

2.15 Eleven Lights. 2.45 Yasmeen Valley. 3.15 Miss Sarajane. 3.45 Iksab. 4.15 Toshiba Comet Star. 4.45 The Devil's Music.

THUNDERER

2.15 Jomana. 2.45 Shardelisada. 3.15 Claudia Miss. 3.45 Iksab. 4.15 Toshiba Comet Star. 4.45 Johanna Thyme.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BURGH BARONY RACES COMMEMORATION CUP
(Handicap: amateurs: £2,847: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1	-030	CAROUSEL MUSIC 14 (D,F) J Akehurst 4-12-0	E Reitel (4) 7
2	2144	SHOWMANSHIP 7 (D,G) C Wall 4-11-3	Carole Wall (4) 1
3	0600	SUPREME DANCER 7 (F) C Tinkler 4-11-2	Sandy Brook 12
4	0-06	HOWJAL 11 (D,F) J Bostock 6-10-11	Lydia Pearce 13
5	0-04	JOMANA 13 (F) J Bradley 5-10-10	R Farrant 11
6	5530	THE MINDER 11 D Wilson 4-10-10	Elaine Bronson 8
7	200-	RACING RASKAL 246 J H Wilson 4-10-2	Geraldine Rees 9
8	40-3	ELEVEN LIGHTS 4 (CD,F) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-1	M Buckley (4) 2
9	0-00	KING WILLIAM 26J (D,F) J Spearing 6-10-1	Teresa Spearing (4) 4
10	0-00	AMAZAKE 15 (B) B Cambidge 4-10-0	— 6
11	-000	REXY BOY 6 W Pearce 4-9-13	D Durrant (4) 10
12	3003	MADAM TAYLOR 12 (B,F,G,S) R Peacock 6-9-10	Carmen Peacock (4) 5
13	433-	HEAVENLY HOOFER 33J (F,G) W Storey 8-9-7	Stella Storey (4) 14
14	/0-0	RAPIDARIS 13 B Cambidge 5-9-7	Hazel Noonan (4) 3

5-2 Eleven Lights, 4-1 Showmanship, 8-1 The Minder, Madam Taylor, 10-1 Howjal, Jomana, 14-1 Heavenley Hoofer 16-1 others.

2.45 HEADS NOOK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,434: 7f 214yd) (5)

1	00	C'EST MOI 12 D Chapman 8-11	M Birch 5
2	00-6	REAPERS REWARD 15 R Hollinshead 8-11	G Parkin (7) 2
3		SHARDELISADA L Cumani 8-11	J Fortune 4
4	23-0	YASMEEN VALLEY 15 (BF) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts 3
5		ZAHR H Thomson Jones 8-11	N Carlisle 1

4-7 Shardelisada, 5-2 Zahr, 5-1 Yasmeen Valley, 33-1 Reapers Reward, 50-1 C'Est Moi.

3.15 TENNENTS LAGER CARLISLE BELL HANDICAP (£4,211: 7f 214yd) (9)

1	0260	CAUSLEY 11 (C,D,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-9-10	G Duffield 2
2	0-00	YOUNG JASON 50 (C,D,F,G) F Lee 8-9-10	S Perks 9
3	1524	AMERICAN HERO 13 (C,F) C Tinkler 3-9-1	M Birch 8
4	1-34	CLAUDIA MISS 12 (BF,D,S) W Haigh 4-8-13	Dean McKeown 6
5	0042	FALCON FLIGHT 11 (D,F,G) J Mackie 5-8-11	J Fanning (5) 7
6	6310	GENAIR 7 (B,C,F) G Moore 6-8-8	K Fallon 3
7	3306	SPANISH VERDICT 8 (V,C,F) Denys Smith 4-8-8	N Connorton 4
8	6023	MISS SARAJANE 33 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-2	G Hind 1
9	3005	LADY VIOLET 12 E Incisa 4-8-0	Kim Tinkler 5

4-1 Falcon Flight, 5-1 Claudia Miss, American Hero, 11-2 Young Jason, 6-1 Causley, 8-1 Genair, Miss Sarajane, 12-1 others.

3.45 TENNENTS CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,673: 5f 207yd) (8)

1	0354	METAL BOYS 12 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-5	S Perks 7
2	2011	PLAIN FACT 12 (D,F,G,S) M Prescott 6-9-3	G Duffield 4
3	2003	IKSAB 12 (F,S) R Boss 4-9-0	A Mackay 2
4	3203	GLENCROFT 9 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 7-8-13	J Fortune 3
5	5	FLASHY'S SON 55 A Harrison 3-8-11	K Fallon 6
6	0016	HACIENDA 13 (D,F) D Burchell 4-8-11	Dean McKeown 5
7	0231	DOKKHA OYSTON 9 (B,D,G) J Berry 3-8-8	J Carroll 8
8	5	SEA WATCH 26 J Etherington 3-7-11	J Lowe 1

5-2 Dokkha Oyston, 7-2 Plain Fact, Metal Boys, 5-1 Iksab, 6-1 Glencroft, 12-1 Flashy's Son, 20-1 Hacienda, 25-1 Sea Watch.

4.15 EBF SILLOTH MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,543: 5f) (8)

1		ALPHONSO M Johnston 9-0	R P Elliott 4
2	5	GREEN CHANNEL 18 D Moffatt 9-0	S Webster 3
3	4002	INNOCENT GEORGE 8 M Brittain 9-0	G Duffield 2
4	050	IN THE MARINES 15 M W Easterby 9-0	K Darley 5
5		MAKE MUSIC J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 8
6	02	SUPER MARCO 18 W Haigh 9-0	Dean McKeown 7
7	5232	TOSHIBA COMET STAR 8 W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls 6
8	00	VENTURE FOURTH 36 B McMahon 9-0	J Lowe 1

2-1 Make Music, 3-1 Super Marco, 4-1 Toshiba Comet Star, 11-2 Innocent George, 8-1 Alphonso, 20-1 Green Channel, 25-1 others

4.45 CASTLE CARROCK HANDICAP
(£2,695: 5f 207yd) (13)

1	R005	CATHERINES WELL 14 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-9-10	J Bleasdale 9
2	334-	SEAMERE 259 (CD,F,G) B Cambidge 8-9-9	J Lowe 7
3	0004	CHRISTIAN LAD 19 (D,F) J Berry 3-9-8	J Carroll 5
4	-000	CHAPLINS CLUB 2 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 11-9-4	K Darley 13
5	5306	WAVERLEY STAR 7 (V,D,F) J Wainwright 6-9-3	L Charnock 11
6	000-	INDIAN STAR 249 (D,F,G) M Brittain 4-9-1	S Maloney (5) 4
7	00-0	BERKELEY HILL BOY 18 (B,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-12	NON-RUNNER 3
8	0004	PLATOON 9 (G) T Barron 4-8-11	Alex Greaves 1
9	0062	HINARI HI FI 18 (C,D,F,G) W Haigh 6-8-10	R Lappin 2
10	7442	DALESIDE LADYBIRD 8 (CD,F) T Fairhurst 5-8-7	J Fanning (5) 12
11	0600	THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 4 (BF,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-5	Dean McKeown 10
12	0014	JOHANNA THYME 7 (D,F) R Bastiman 4-8-3	K Fallon 6
13	0000	COLIN SELLER 9 (B,H,F) R Stubbs 4-8-3	S Webster 8

4-1 Daleside Ladybird, 5-1 The Devil's Music, 6-1 Hinari Hi Fi, Johanna Thyme, 8-1 Seamere, Waverley Star, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 11 winners from 25 runners, 44.0%, C Wall, 3 from 7, 42.9%, M Johnston, 4 from 23, 17.4%, J Berry, 19 from 114, 16.7%, F Lee, 3 from 18, 16.7%; H Thomson Jones, 5 from 30, 16.7%

JOCKEYS: Dean McKeown, 18 winners from 97 rides, 18.6%, M Birch, 19 from 135, 14.1%, R Lappin, 3 from 23, 13.0%, N Connorton, 11 from 91, 12.1%, S Perks, 10 from 88, 11.4%; R P Elliott, 5 from 44, 11.4%

Noble Patriarch sold

NOBLE Patriarch has been sold out of John Dunlop's yard to the Gestut Itlingen and he may have his first race for his new German connections in the group two Idee-Hansa Preis at Hamburg on Sunday. Noble Patriach may be opposed by Run Don't Fly, who beat him at the Capanelle, Rome, in May, and Song Of Sixpence.

Rock Hopper's raid

ROCK Hopper, controversially awarded the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot last Friday, makes a quick reappearance in the £152,749 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on Sunday.

Michael Stoute's four-year-old will fly the English flag in the valuable group one contest along with Paul Kelleway's Derby fifth Hundra. They will face formidable domestic opposition from the likes of Epervier Bleu, Wajd and Kartajana.

Epervier Bleu, fast-finishing runner-up to Saumarez in last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, was having his first race since when beaten two lengths by Wajd on his reappearance in the Grand Prix d'Evry 17 days ago.

Wajd represents the combination of Sheikh Mohammed and Andre Fabre, successful 12 months ago with In The Wings.

Kartajana, a former stable companion of Rock Hopper, finished a disappointing fifth in Sanglamore's Prix d'Ispahan at Chantilly last time but was unsuited by the slow pace over an inadequate nine furlongs.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.15 (7f 2yd) 1, NEO-CLASSICAL (Pat Eddery, 10-11 fav), 2, Slight Risk (25-1); 3, Arvida (8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 Ahkam (5th), 33 Lady Randolph (4th). 5 ran. NR: Our Rita. 6l, 8l, 3l, dist. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £14.52.

2.45 (5f 43yd) 1, CERTAIN LADY (G Bardwell, 9-1), 2, Cromer's Express (M Roberts, 10-1); 3, Ahura (Kim Tinkler, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Monti Beppo (6th), 10 Tereshenko (5th), 14 Shakinski, 16 Fair Share (4th), The Bart-Man, 33 Spirited. 9 ran. 1½l, nk, 5l, ½l, 1l. G Blum at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £15.10. CSF: £28.69. No bid.

3.15 (7f 2yd) 1, NEGEEN (M Roberts, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Mel's Rose (B Raymond, 8-1); 3, La Bamba (W Hood, 7-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Crosby (5th), 8 Daley Brioche (4th), 16 Dodgy (6th). 6 ran. NR: Fourwalk. Hd, 5l, 1½l, 7l, 6l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £11.60. CSF: £14.52.

3.45 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, TAYLORS PRINCE (A Cruz, 5-1), 2, Top Of The Bill (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav), 3, Brass Monkey (N Day, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Priceless Fantasy (4th), 8 Gomarlow (5th). 5 ran. NR: Al Anba. 8l, 1½l, 2½l, 5l. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £4.10. CF: £14.31.

4.15 (1m 3yd) 1, ECLIPSING (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav), 2, Capriati (A Cruz, 3-1), 3, Birthdays' Child (W R Swinburn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Clippenna (5th), Wassif (4th), 10 Angel Love (6th), 25 Sabaah, 33 Parfum D'Automne, 100 Soughaan's Pride. 9 ran. Hd, 4l, 2l, 1l, 1½l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.35.

4.45 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, RADAR KNIGHT (N Carlisle, 10-1); 2, Legal Win (M Hills, 5-1), 3, Kevinsline (A Mackay, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Shady Leaf (6th), 9-2 Perspective, 11-2 Ram God (4th), 8 Playup, 14 War Beat, 20 Cascade, Barbary Reef, 25 Nowhiski, 33 It's Not My Fault (5th). 12 ran. Sh hd, 8l, 1l, 1½l, 2l. R Bennett at Maidenhead. Tote: £8.80; £2.00, £3.00, £5.00. DF: £49.70. CSF: £57.63. Tricast: £913.55.

Placepot: £45.30.

Brighton

Going: good to soft

2.00 (6f) 1, SIR BOUDLE (J Reid, 11-4); 2, Providence (T Quinn, 10-11 fav); 3, Mystical Dancer (W Carson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Chicmond (4th). 4 ran. Hd, 3½l, 1l. C Nelson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.00. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.42.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, REMAADI (S Cauthen, 11-10 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Legal View (J Fortune, 9-2), 3, Highly Praised (W Ryan, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Striking Distance, Ameerat Jumaira (5th), 20 Abingdon Flyer (4th), 25 Jan Stedman, 33 Prima Speranza, 40 Picasong, 50 March Generation (6th). 10 ran. 6l, 12l, 12l, 8l, 2½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £3.90. CSF: £6.86.

☐ Remainder of meeting abandoned – poor visibility.

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Windsor

Going: good to soft

7.10 (5f) 1, Sandcastle City (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 2, Spanish Express (12-1), 3, Photo Realism (13-8 fav). 13 ran. NR: Blue Tiger, Night Asset. 2l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £3.10, £1.50. DF: £19.90. CSF: £33.87.

7.35 (1m 3f 150yd) 1, Dance Partout (Pat Eddery, 9-2), 2, Brora Rose (20-1); 3, Rive-Jumelle (11-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Clyro. ½l, ½l. N Callaghan. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £3.40, £1.70. DF: £49.80. CSF: £75.62. Tricast: £270.57.

8.05 (5f) 1, Another Episode (Pat Eddery, 11-10), 2, Indian Endeavour (10-11 fav); 3, Naughty Norman (12-1). 3 ran. 8l, nk. J Berry. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.32.

8.35 (1m 2f 22yd) 1, Dale Hill Idea (L Dettori, 2-5 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2, Milly Black (3-1); 3, Carty-B (33-1). 6 ran. 8l, 8l. M Jarvis. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.75.

9.05 (1m 2f 22yd) 1, Saint Ciel (Maxine Juster, 6-5 fav); 2, Akimbo (3-1), 3, Jurran (10-1). 8 ran. 6l, 10l. A Scott. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.60.

Placepot: £13.60.

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CRICKET

Rain threatens to make a lottery of NatWest games

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THREE years have passed since first-round day in the NatWest Trophy produced a substantial romance, with the removal of Northamptonshire by Cheshire. Prospects for the underdogs are improved in today's 16 ties, however, if only through the real possibility that some of them will not even need to take the field to win.

Several days of torrential rain make it certain that some of the games will not begin on time at 10.30 this morning. Seven of the matches are scheduled for club grounds without the resources or experience of first-class counties, and it is at these venues that the conditions could have the biggest influence.

One scenario is that, at some grounds, play will not be possible on either of the two allocated days so that, some time tomorrow evening, second-round places will be won and lost by five chosen players from each side bowling at an unguarded set of stumps.

If this is a cruel way to go out, the weather forecast confirms it is a serious prospect. Dean Park at Bournemouth, for instance, was reported to be very wet yesterday and unless the weather improves, Lancashire, the trophy holders and favourites, could be in danger of a bizarre defeat by Dorset, whose side includes the son of a man one would always have backed to hit the stumps, Derek Shackleton.

First round ties

Somerset v Buckinghamshire (at Bath)
Bedfordshire v Worcestershire (at Bedford)
Hertfordshire v Derbyshire (at Bishop's Stortford)
Dorset v Lancashire (at Bournemouth)
Gloucestershire v Norfolk (at Bristol)
Kent v Cambridgeshire (at Canterbury)
Durham v Glamorgan (at Darlington)
Ireland v Middlesex (at Dublin)
Warwickshire v Yorkshire (at Edgbaston)
Scotland v Sussex (at Edinburgh)
Devon v Essex (at Exmouth)
Leicestershire v Shropshire (at Leicester)
Surrey v Oxfordshire (at the Oval)
Berkshire v Hampshire (at Reading)
Staffordshire v Northamptonshire (at Stone)
Nottinghamshire v Lincolnshire (at Trent Bridge)

FORTHCOMING ROUNDS: Second round: July 11. Quarter-finals: July 31. Semi-finals: August 14. Final: September 7.

Bishop's Stortford, where Hertfordshire meet Derbyshire, was described as "under water" and the pitch at Exmouth, Essex's destination, was wet because the covers could not cope with the volume of rain at the weekend. Staffordshire's secretary said a prompt start was improbable at Stone for the match against Northamptonshire and depressingly damp conditions also prevailed at Darlington; where Durham play Glamorgan, and at Bedford, who host Worcestershire.

The more play is possible, the more the professionals will be suited, of course, but if there is to be a genuine upset, as opposed to an artificial one, then the likeliest venue is the commuter town of Bishop's Stortford.

Hertfordshire are not only the Minor Counties champions, they have been among the strongest sides of their sphere for some years and, in Surridge, Merry, Needham and Carr, they have a quartet of seasoned first-class players. Derbyshire's recent one-day form has been patchy and as they also have injury worries, with two bowlers in doubt and Barnett requiring cortisone in his back, they might just be vulnerable.

Northamptonshire's embarrassment in 1988 was only the seventh such result in the history of a competition now into its 29th year. As they are the sort of team capable of losing to anyone on their day, they will not be relishing the trip to play Staffordshire.

Much interest will focus on Darlington, not because Durham are likely to beat Glamorgan — they are not — but for some indication of their progress towards recruiting a side worthy of their promotion to first-class status next year.

Frenzied work was taking place yesterday at the seafront ground in Exmouth, where the visit of Graham Gooch and Essex has attracted 28 corporate sponsors. A crowd of 4,000 is expected and Essex, who harbour memories of their defeat by Hertfordshire in 1976, will be respectful of one of the best Minor County limited-overs sides.

Ian Botham has a late fitness test before his place in the Worcestershire side is confirmed. If he plays, the day will be made worthwhile for Bedford's share of the once-a-year watchers who perennially populate this day of dreams.

WEST INDIES TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
C L Hooper	7	12	4	614	123	76.75	2	2	7
R B Richardson	7	13	4	636	135*	70.66	2	4	5
I V A Richards	6	9	2	457	131	65.28	1	2	3
D Williams	3	2	1	49	35	49.00	—	—	7/2
P V Simmons	7	13	1	504	136	42.00	2	1	3
P J L Dujon	5	6	1	150	82	30.00	—	1	10
D L Haynes	5	9	2	198	60	28.28	—	2	2
B C Lara	5	8	0	223	93	27.87	—	2	3
C G Greenidge	2	4	1	72	26	24.00	—	—	1
H A G Anthony	6	4	1	59	33*	19.66	—	—	4
A L Logie	7	11	1	196	60	19.60	—	1	3
C B Lambert	2	4	0	64	51	16.00	—	1	2
M D Marshall	5	5	0	59	25	11.80	—	—	—
C E L Ambrose	4	4	1	35	16*	11.66	—	—	1
I B A Allen	6	3	2	9	8	9.00	—	—	5
C A Walsh	6	4	1	22	10	7.33	—	—	—
B P Patterson	5	2	2	5	5*	—	—	—	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
C L Hooper	86.2	24	197	13	15.15	4-49	—	—
C E L Ambrose	142	43	302	17	17.76	6-52	1	—
M D Marshall	125	21	349	13	26.84	3-46	—	—
H A G Anthony	109	17	458	16	28.62	3-28	—	—
B P Patterson	125.4	33	377	13	29.00	5-88	1	—
C A Walsh	146.5	35	439	13	33.76	4-39	—	—
P V Simmons	38	9	157	4	39.25	2-34	—	—
I B A Allen	121.4	18	494	9	54.88	2-61	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: I V A Richards 13-4-37-1; B C Lara 6-1-25-0.

☐ Kevin Cooper, the Nottinghamshire seam bowler, will miss the rest of the season because of a double stress fracture of the back. He is to undergo surgery.

Middlesex atone in style

SECOND XI CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

THE unhappy form of Middlesex's first XI has had its repercussions. With juniors being called up to cover for injured senior players, the county's second team, which two years ago won both second XI competitions, has been deprived of its regular personnel. By mid-June, they were without a win and languishing at the bottom of both the Rapid Cricketline championship and their zone of the limited-overs Bain Clarkson Trophy.

Their first win, though, was worth the wait. Not only was it clear-cut — a championship victory by 177 runs at Teddington — but accomplished against Sussex, their successors as champions. Sussex were rattled out for 160 and 95 by the spinners, Paul Weekes and Alex Barnett, who took 122 wickets between them in the championship last year. Weekes took seven wickets in the first innings, Barnett six in the second.

That was Sussex's first championship defeat. Having released two key members of last season's' side, Andy Clarke and Andy Babington, the county was not expected to prove such stern opposition. However, before the loss to Middlesex, which was followed by a four-wicket defeat by Warwickshire at Hove, they were leading the table. Bradleigh Donelan struck a century and took six second-innings wickets in the match with Warwickshire.

Arguably the most remarkable performance of the season came from Yorkshire's batsmen in their Bain Clarkson Trophy match against Northamptonshire at Bingley. In 55 overs, they amassed 367 for five (a rate of 6.7 runs an over), with Bradley Parker hitting 166 and Craig White 140.

Although Lancashire have produced some impressive batting in the championship — Stephen Titchard has made three unbeaten centuries — the side has struggled in its defence of the Bain Clarkson Trophy and is in danger of not qualifying for the knockout stages.

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CHRIS FORSEY

In the shadow of the master: Robin Smith, right, takes shelter alongside Richards at Basingstoke yesterday

Richards serves past reminder

By IVO TENNANT

FOR all the praise heaped on Robin Smith's head following his memorable century at Lord's, it cannot compare with the accolades he was given when he came to Hampshire from South Africa all those years ago. He was seen then as an embryonic Barry Richards, and there can be no greater praise than that.

For there were times during Richards's career with Hampshire when it was hard to imagine that anyone could bat better. In the last of his four Tests for South Africa before they were discarded as pariahs, he made a century. "If I had known it would have been my final Test, the Australians would never have got me out," he said yesterday. We believed him.

Richards was back in Hampshire, playing on the opposite side to Smith in a benefit match at Hackwood Park, near Basingstoke, for Mark Nicholas. At the age of 45, he has played four times in five years yet still he managed to dismiss Smith with his off breaks and stroke 59 runs with assured elegance.

The complicated hawk-nose profile has not altered and, as ever, he was wearing a cap.

Richards had been partly responsible for bringing Smith to Hampshire. They are both from Durban and played together for Natal. Indeed, Richards has known him since he was a boy. "When he was eight years old, I wrote a coaching book and he was the model for the illustrations. Even then he was tremendously talented."

Since retiring from first-class cricket in 1983, Richards has been, successively, director of cricket in Natal and then chief executive of Queensland. He might yet return to South Africa, and perhaps, play a part in helping his country readjust to international cricket.

"South Africa should become a powerhouse again if we can create an environment in which young black boys have heroes. There are some very able administrators running the game but it needs to be sold to the blacks more than at the moment," he said.

Richards himself made his own protest against apartheid in 1970-1 when he walked off the ground at Newlands in company with Eddie Barlow, Graeme Pollock and Mike Procter. He was at the peak of his career and yet could not play Test cricket."I was charged with being bored of playing for Hampshire and, yes, I was," he said.

"Perhaps I could have been more enthusiastic. I handled my time here badly, partly because I was not playing Test cricket. Batting in front of three people at Derby while lesser cricketers were playing Tests did bore and annoy me."

If he were playing for Hampshire now, he would, he reckons, be more relaxed.

"I certainly would be if I had Mark Nicholas and Robin Smith in the same side. Similarly, if Andy Roberts was still here, he would give much more to Hampshire. He would not be expected to bowl flat out all day. Players are handled in a more mature way than in my day."

Yorkshire to settle terms with batsman

PHIL Robinson, the Yorkshire batsman who asked for permission to approach other counties, has withdrawn his request and is expected to sign the two-year contract offered to him at the start of the season within the next few days (Martin Searby writes).

A meeting at Headingley between Sir Lawrence Byford, the president, and Chris Hassell, the chief executive, discussed Robinson's problems with him and the middle-order batsman, aged 27, who averages 35.7 in a seven-year career, was persuaded his future remains with Yorkshire.

"We received a letter from the player but after amicable negotiations we resolved our differences," Hassell said. "He had not signed the contract available to him but we expect this to be put right pretty quickly."

Tears flow as Sobers speaks of lost years

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) — Sir Garfield Sobers arrived in South Africa yesterday and reduced some of his welcoming party to tears by reflecting on what might have been, rather than decades of isolation.

Sobers paid tribute to South Africans such as Graeme Pollock and Clive Rice, deprived of long Test careers because of apartheid.

"It was such a great pity that a player like Pollock never got the chance to prove himself on the pitches of the world," Sobers, aged 54, told a news conference. Pollock, who was among the welcoming party at the airport, wept as Sobers talked of South Africa's exclusion. Another former Springbok, Jackie McGlew, stood beside Pollock, fighting back the tears.

"I always wished that the opportunities were there for South Africa to play the West Indies in my day . . . but the chance never came to prove which was the better team," Sobers said.

He is in South Africa to attend Saturday's inauguration of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), the new non-racial governing body.

The International Cricket Council will decide at its meeting in London next month whether to readmit South Africa, following the repeal of apartheid legislation and the success in unifying previously rival controlling bodies.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCBSA, said: "We are quietly confident of a lot of support from the ICC — possibly even unanimous — in our bid for international reacceptance." But unanimous approval seems unlikely because of West Indies' reservations about immediate re-entry.

Turner puts his faith in seamers

GRAEME Turner, the Oxford captain, is relying on fast bowling against Cambridge in the University match which starts at Lord's on Tuesday (a Special Correspondent writes).

He has named four seamers, Macdonald, Wood, Gerrans and Oppenheimer, although Macdonald broke a toe a month ago and misses the Oxford and Cambridge Universities match against the West Indians starting at the Parks today.

TEAM: G J Turner (St Stithian's, Cape Town University and St Anne's, captain), R Montgomerie (Rugby and Worcester), R E Morris (Dyffryn Conwy, Llanrwst and Oriel), G B T Lovell (St Paul's College, Sydney University and Exeter), C M Gupte (John Lyon and Pembroke), D Pfaff (Cape Town University and Keble), D C Sandiford (Bolton and St Edmund Hall), P S Gerrans (Daramalau College, Australian National University and Worcester), R Macdonald (Cape Town University, Durham University and Keble), B Wood (Bailey GS and Worcester), J Oppenheimer (Harrow and Christ Church).

GOLF

Walker Cup hopefuls sure to feel the heat

By PATRICIA DAVIES

THE seventeenth European men's amateur team championship, which starts at Puerta de Hierro in Madrid today, is likely to be even more of a test of endurance than usual, given the weather forecast.

Not for Madrid the washout of Wimbledon. The Spanish capital is expecting its hottest day this century today, a staggering 45°C, which translates to 113°F, not an ideal temperature for golf of the leisurely variety, let alone the competitive form of the game.

The players, from 19 countries, have all been given a long list of do's and don't's. Protective headgear and suntan lotion are musts, but alcohol and fizzy drinks are out and there are electrolite fluids, which apparently maintain the body's correct mineral balance, available at every other hole. The pace of play is unlikely to be speedy.

It will be a test of character that should satisfy any selector, and they are out in force in Madrid this week. They are the most important men of all as far as the players of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland are concerned, for they will be selecting the Walker Cup side at the weekend. Performances this week could tip the balance when it comes to a place against the Americans at Portmarnock in September.

At least, Jim Milligan, of Scotland, and Garth McGimpsey, of Ireland, who were in the winning side two years ago at Peachtree, but are not certain to be chosen again, know all about the heat, both literal and metaphorical. All the triumphant pictures from Peachtree show them sweating profusely in the heat of a Georgia summer. But that never quite touched the threatened Spanish heights.

Pity then, the poor Icelanders, who, while they have been having a good summer at home, are not used to so much sun in a decade, let alone a day. Coached by John Garner, the former Ryder Cup player from Lancashire, Iceland just want to better the thirteenth place, their best finish so far, that they achieved at Royal Porthcawl in 1989. Welsh weather, presumably, was more to their taste.

TEAMS: England: G Evans, I Garbutt, J Payne, A Sandywell, L White, R Willison. Ireland: N Goulding, G McGimpsey, P McGinley, P Harrington, P Hogan, L MacNamara. Scotland: A Coltart, D Crawford, C Everett, G Hay, G Lawrie, J Milligan. Wales: A Barnett, G Houston, R Johnson, A Jones, J Lee, C O'Carroll.

☐ Arnold Palmer is to play in the British Seniors Open at Lytham next month. Palmer, aged 61, made his final Open Championship appearance last year at St Andrews, scene of his debut in 1960, but has agreed to play in the £150,000 seniors' event, where the defending champion is Gary Player, of South Africa.

Bob Charles, of New Zealand, who, like Player, won the Open at Lytham, is also in the field. The British challenge for a first prize of £25,000 is led by Neil Coles and Brian Waites.

Rafferty is branded a 'bad loser'

RONAN Rafferty, described by Bernard Gallacher, the Ryder Cup captain, as a "bad loser" following his walk-out from the US Open at Hazeltine after nine holes of the second round, returns to action in the Peugeot French Open which starts at the National Golf Club, near Paris, tomorrow (Mitchell Platts writes).

Rafferty has been much criticised by his peers for making a premature departure from the championship, for which he received one of only seven special invitations, without giving a reason. Gallacher said: "I can't condone Rafferty's behaviour in America. Walking out — especially as an invited guest — is totally unacceptable. It leaves him looking a bad loser."

I understand that Rafferty's disappearing act was triggered by a telephone call to his pregnant wife, Clare, two hours before he teed off. Rafferty lost more than one stone in weight with a virus before leaving for the US Open and he learned from his wife that she was also suffering. It transpires that it might have been best if he had withdrawn before the second round.

Rafferty has written to both the US Golf Association, organisers of the US Open, and the PGA European Tour to apologise for the manner of his withdrawal. He will give a press conference today to explain all. It is clear now that there were pressures of a domestic nature.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Joint contests meet success

By JANE WYATT

THE success of the first federation national championships combining two disability groups, the British Amputee Sports Association (BASA) and the British Les Autres Sports Association (BLASA), looks like ensuring the continuation of a joint event. More than 200 athletes competed at Wolverhampton and several British records were set.

The organisations have been working together as a federation for two years, but with separate national championships. However, some executives felt that it was time to follow the international lead and conform with the International Sports Organisation for the Disabled (ISOD) rules which combine the disabilities covered by the two British groups.

The idea was promoted heavily by John Baker, the new chairman of BASA. In the run-up to selection for the Barcelona Paralymics he thought it appropriate to provide athletes with enhanced opportunities for competition at a high level. At the same time he acknowledged the political nature of the issue as it impinged on the organisations' independence, making some people reluctant to endorse it.

RESULTS: Shooting: Air pistol standing: 1, M Martin, 550pts; 2, M Luther, 513, 3, T Budgen, 457. Air rifle free position: 1, G Taylor, 1,182; 2, K Morris, 1149; 3, H Slater, 1141. English match: 1, Taylor, 574, Slater, 583, 3, Morris, 560. Free rifle: 1, Taylor, 1,105; 2, Slater, 1,074; 3, J Campbell, 1,046. Olympic match: 1, Taylor, 593, 2, Slater, 591, 3, K Sutter, 560. Sport pistol: 1, Martin, 589; 2, N Hazell, 547, 3, Luther, 524. Weightlifting: Junior male open: 1, R Kilburn, 85kg (Les Autres record); 2, M Kyle, 65, 3, N Fry, 40 (CP record). Senior female: 1, L Pudner, 80kg (Les Autres record); 2, J Fletcher, 65. Senior male class 80kg: 1, C Banim, 127.5 (Les Autres record). 2, G Haig, 95. Senior males 67kg: 1, A Ali, 127.5 (Les Autres record). 2, P O'Malley, 120, 3, S Batchelor, 55 (CP record). Senior Male 90kg: 1, T Toner, 140 (CP record). 2, F McKenzie, 132.5. Track: 100m male class T2: 1, N Edwards, 25.5sec, 2, A Hall, 26.7, 3, R Elland, 27.0. 100m male class T4: 1, P Cordice, 13.5; 2, M Abigail, 13.6, 3, S Braye, 13.7. Male shott class F3: 1, D Plowright, 10.13m, 2, E Thomas, 8.43, 3, S Houlden, 8.1. Archery. Women's Open: 1, C Smith, 934pts, 2, S Packwood, 710, 3, I Wood, 604. Men's Open: 1, T Darkin, 1,088, 2, C Christofferson, 997, 3, R Anderson, 972. Table Tennis. Men's Open: 1, D Hope, 2, T Heaps; 3, D Young. Women's Open: 1, M Davies, 2, E Marshall, 3, E Kinsella. Swimming. 100m backstroke, male class S7: 1, D Jones, 1min 32.15sec; 2, C Xisaros, 1 48.49; 3, R Taylor, 1 52.87. 100m backstroke, female class S/8/9/10: 1, T Young, 1 24.35; 2, C Bishop, 1 25.04, 3, A Tizard, 1:31.74.

YACHTING

Squire takes charge

WINGS of Oracle, the British Admiral's Cup team yacht at the centre of a crew shake-up, will compete in today's offshore race at Kiel Week without a skipper or tactician (Barry Pickthall writes).

Geoff Squire, the chairman of Oracle UK, who has taken personal control of the yacht and crew, said yesterday: "I intended to bring in a new skipper with more experience than those presently on board within the next 48 hours. Our objective is to win the Admiral's Cup for Britain. That is more important than any of the personalities."

Ian Southworth, Oracle's tactician brought on board by Tim Law, who was sacked as helmsman, on Monday, has been invited to stay in the crew but remained at home yesterday "awaiting developments".

FOOTBALL

Phillips doubts blueprint claims

By PETER BALL

THE Football Association's claim in its blueprint that bringing the first division clubs under its umbrella — as part of a package with the FA Cup and England internationals — could yield £112 million in the first year, is being doubted in football and marketing circles.

The FA has steadfastly refused to explain the breakdown of the figure, although it concedes it is divided into three areas — television, sponsorship and licensing. Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the Football League, was surprised by the FA figures

"If it is true, then it is the best marketing deal ever. I take my hat off to them," he said. "But I can't help being a little sceptical. If we assume they have a television deal worth £30 million, that still leaves £82 million divided between sponsorship and licensing in year one. If they had said that was the long-term aim to build up to over five or six years, it would be more believable."

The League's television deal is worth £13 million a year, while the FA Cup and internationals bring the FA £5 million. The Barclays League sponsorship is worth £2 million a year.

While no one disputes that the FA Cup and England team are highly desirable properties for sponsors, the FA was recently unable to raise £5 million for the FA Cup. But it is licensing which casts most doubt on the FA's estimates.

After 15 years of astute marketing, the National Football League in the United States, who have complete control of the rights of all their member clubs, earn around $75,000 (about £46,000). The FA cannot match that, particularly as the clubs have not agreed to release the rights to crests or kit.

"We have to assume the FA will get that agreement because, without it, the figure of £112 million is patently nonsense," Phillips said. The FA is expected to gain £25 million from licensing the international and FA Cup logos alone.

Venables keeps up hopes

THE future of Paul Gascoigne remained unresolved yesterday, after what was described as "an amicable meeting" at White Hart Lane between Terry Venables, the group managing director of Tottenham Hotspur, and Mel Stein, the player's adviser (Dennis Signy writes).

Venables and Stein will meet again at the end of the week, when a decision will be made on whether Gascoigne stays under contract at Tottenham or is transferred to Lazio.

☐ Marseilles, the French league champions, have sold the Yugoslav international, Dragan Stojkovic, to the newly-promoted Italian side, Verona, for £4.4 million.

☐ The disputed second half of the Dutch cup final between Feyenoord and BVV den Bosch will be replayed on Sunday.

☐ The FA of Wales has turned down the chance to buy Cardiff City's Ninian Park ground for £1.5 million.

☐ Uefa, the game's European governing body, has decided the dates for next season's European Cup.

EUROPEAN CUP DATES: First round: September 18 and October 2. Second round: October 23 and November 6. Quarter-final group matches: November 6, December 11, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15. Final: May 20

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Former Wimbledon champion makes an impressive start to this year's tournament with a solid first-round victory

Cash in condition for a tilt at the Wimbledon title

By David Miller

YESTERDAY, we saw the ultimate in professionalism. After a rain-break of something over an hour, with Pat Cash leading Jeff Tarango by two sets, 2-0 and 40-30, the players resumed on court one. Cash served an ace. And the players, changing ends, sat down for a rest. Had I had one, I would have been tempted to throw my cushion.

That would have been more threatening, if improper, than anything the unfortunate Tarango managed to direct at the former Wimbledon champion during his 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 defeat. The young American, from Manhattan Beach, California, was so confused — by his own unforced errors as well as Cash's string of aces — that, with Cash serving for the match at 5-3 in the third set, Tarango momentarily forgot to change ends.

It would be premature to say that Cash is mounting a challenge for the title he won in 1987. Against innocuous opposition, on a court as lusciously dark green as a lily pond leaf, his game certainly looked good, though there is far to go. The grass was defiantly slippery and whether he has both the touch and the mobility to progress remains to be seen. He next meets Champion, of France.

With the piratical headband, Cash retains that intimidating look yet, at 26, he is approaching GOM tennis status. In four years since winning Wimbledon, he has done little, with stomach and then Achilles injuries, but is now returning to something nearer his best form. He was unavailable, because of a previous charity commitment, when Australia lost to France in the Davis Cup — a competition which brings out his mettle.

No Wimbledon champion other than Chuck McKinley in 1963 has had as few tournament victories as Cash. Yet his grand slam record bears evidence of his feel for the big occasion — twice Australian runner-up and twice quarter-finalist; Wimbledon winner, semi-finalist and twice quarter-finalist; and once US semi-finalist. Tarango dissolved in front of him like sugar in the rain.

Certainly, the performance appealed to the bevy of young schoolgirls for whom Cash continues to be a point of attraction. They made enough noise to convince those watching on the adjacent centre court believe something important was happening. There was a moment of levity when the umpire halted play to make a telephone call, and Cash walked forward to enquire what was the time of the last train.

Cash broke service in the first and third games of the first set, with the left-handed Tarango trying unavailingly to stay in the match. The ball was whistling past him from every angle and, when he did get his racket to the ball, it mostly finished out of court.

The second set was the same procession but now, having been cursing his incompetence in the first set, Tarango was reduced to mute silence, even when spread-eagled across the baseline when chasing a low drive.

By the time of the resumption of the third set, the lights were on in the tower-block flats on the hillside above the court. More illumination on court would have only further revealed the one-sidedness of it all. Cash continued to pull out the aces, the fifteenth in the final game almost drilling a hole through Tarango, who was obliged to laugh at his own embarrassment.

One of the characteristics that has always distinguished Cash at his peak is physical fitness — something too few British players perceive — and, watching him yesterday, it was evident that his physical condition will not let him down.

£7m offer to move rejected

By John Goodbody

THE All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club will have to consider moving from its home in Church Road, London SW19, because it needs to expand its facilities for staging the Wimbledon championships. The club has been forced to contemplate relocation because its neighbours, the Wimbledon Club, has decided not to accept the £7 million offer for its land and move three miles to a new ground at Raynes Park.

The Wimbledon Club has polled its members, who number almost 1,000 in the different sections of squash, hockey, cricket and tennis, and only the 150 members of the hockey section would contemplate a move.

The All England Club has a priority of acquiring more space, partly for practice courts and partly to accommodate the vast numbers of frustrated spectators who cannot see the championships. The limitations on space have been exacerbated by the constraints implemented last year due to the requirements of the Fire Safety and Safety of Place of Sport Act (1987).

The All England Club, which this year will probably make a profit of nearly £10 million, bought Raynes Park, a former Inner London Education Authority (Ilea) sports ground, and offered it, plus £7 million to the Wimbledon Club to move.

Asked about the possibility of a move — Basingstoke has been mentioned — John Curry, the chairman of the All-England Club, said: "There is no intention of moving in the short term. Basingstoke may seem an unlikely future home for the championships but if we cannot find additional land locally we may have to consider seriously moving at some stage."

Everybody kept in dark by Seles

MONICA Seles will be playing again within a few weeks despite her mysterious withdrawal from Wimbledon, her doctor said yesterday.

Dr Richard Steadman, an orthopaedic surgeon who specialises in sports-related injuries, said that the Yugoslavian teenager was being treated at his clinic in Vail, Colorado. He had been sworn to secrecy by the world No. 1 over the problem affecting her.

"I would like people to find out what's wrong, but at her request I am to release no information on the visits," Steadman said. "I expect to hear from her soon and I anticipate giving her more treatment."

Asked about a statement from Seles that she expects to be playing in a few weeks, Steadman said: "I don't disagree with that."

Steadman, who performed arthroscopic surgery on Martina Navratilova's knees last autumn after she had won her record ninth Wimbledon women's singles title, has been doctor for the United States ski team for 17 years.

Speculation on Seles's condition have included reports of an arm injury, chronic inflammation of muscles in both legs and an ailing knee. The top seed, she was fined $6,000 (£3,700) by the Women's Tennis Association for her late withdrawal from Wimbledon.

Although the punishment is a mere slap on the wrist for a girl who has made more than £1.2 million from the sport, Gerry Smith, the WTA executive director, has had trouble contacting the player.

"I've been trying to contact her and I don't know the reason why she is not responding to the calls," he said. The WTA had been taken by surprise by Seles's actions.

"I saw her at the French championships and we had no indication that she was suffering from anything," he said.

Under WTA rules, a player is automatically fined if she pulls out at late notice from two tournaments during this year. Seles had already withdrawn late from a tournament in Sydney.She has the right to appeal against the fine.

A New Jersey tournament promoter quoted Seles' agent, International Management Group, as saying that Seles will return to tennis for the Pathmark Classic in Mahwah, New Jersey, starting July 15.

"They said there was no doubt she will come here," John Korff, the tournament's promoter, told the *The Record* of Hackensack, New Jersey. "They told me she has a mild stress fracture in her shin."

However, a spokeswoman for IMG said Seles had not told the agency the nature of her injury."We don't have anything at the moment," Robin Rizzo said at the IMG Cleveland office. They had only Seles' statement that she regretted missing Wimbledon and looked forward to returning."The date of her return, what sort of accident, we don't have yet," Rizzo said.

Korff said, however, that the date of Seles' return had been set. "We'll be the first one she plays when she gets back."

The tournament at Ramapo College is not part of the regular women's tour and its results do not figure in the rankings, which Korff said should make it all the more attractive for Seles."It's a great way for her to get back into it without worrying about her ranking," he said.

A report in the *San Diego Union* said Seles has informed organizers of the Mazda Tennis Classic in San Diego, which begins July 29, that she expects to compete there.

MARC ASPLAND

Making a stylish return: Sánchez Vicario on her way to a straight-sets victory over Rittner, of Germany, at Wimbledon yesterday

Sánchez finds will to walk tall

REX BELLAMY

ARANTXA Sánchez Vicario finds Wimbledon a little frustrating. Her usual travelling companion in Europe, a Yorkshire terrier, has to stay at home because of the quarantine laws. She also has a Pyrennean mountain dog — but nobody can carry that much dog, anywhere, in a container loosely equivalent to a hat box.

In other respects, Sánchez Vicario seems unlikely to find Wimbledon frustrating: not until next week, anyway. She has begun to play grass-court tennis as if it was the natural thing to do. Ultimately, she may come unstuck because there is not enough of her to justify confidence in her ability to dominate the forecourt.

Officially, Sánchez Vicario is 5ft 6½in. Presumably she was measured when wearing shoes that lifted her an additional inch or two above the Earth's crust. Little players have a hang-up about their height. Why? The one-time mighty atom of British tennis, Shirley Brasher, played to the principle that a match can be turned into a contest of wits and wills: "Then, everybody's the same size."

Sánchez Vicario plays to the same principle. Yesterday, she beat Barbara Rittner, a blonde and beefy German, 6-1, 6-2 in 51 minutes. Rittner is 16 months younger than the Spaniard, who has advanced to the ripe old age of 19 years six months. In terms of match-playing maturity, the disparity in age looked far greater: especially in the first set, in which Rittner was too inhibited to do herself justice. Her tennis was comparatively crude.

A modicum of nervous tension is essential if players are to achieve and maintain their best form. An excess of it creates discord where there should be harmony. Everything goes to pot: thinking, anticipation, movement, tactics, technique, length. The balance is awfully difficult for the inexperienced to find.

In the first set, it struck me that, if scrambling along a cliff edge in Rittner's company, I would want her safely tethered on the end of a rope. There were, shall we say, hazardous indications of an unease that could have terminal consequences. By contrast, Sánchez Vicario was like a gifted chef engaged in nothing more complicated than peeling potatoes — though she did it tidily and with a sense of style.

The second set was closer because Rittner had a total of four break points in two of the games she lost. The inhibitions were now behind her. Her mind had been unlocked and the ensuing freedom affected her entire game. She moved better, hit through the ball, and began to punch her weight, and offered her opponent fewer easy targets. It remained evident that Sánchez Vicario was the better player, but at least we had the semblance of a contest.

Sánchez Vicario refreshed the lush court with a gentle rain of drop shots, often associated with lobs (even volleyed lobs, which are not exactly bread-and-butter shots). Her blazing drives had the weight that comes from perfect timing, she disguised her changes of pace, and for such a tot, she served and volleyed well. Unlike Rittner, she played shots in sequence rather than in isolation. Everything was neatly tailored to fit the needs of the moment.

Sánchez Vicario (she added the Vicario, her mother's maiden name, because she wanted her to share the publicity) has an unaffected swagger and an engaging air of bossiness. When she won the French championship two years ago, I suggested that it was easy to imagine her, maybe 20 years hence, pouring out love to an entourage of husband and children and dogs and making all of them do what she wanted. A Spanish colleague observed: "At home, it's rather like that already."

On looking down the list of the first matches on court, there was not an Australian in sight. What fun they used to have, on and off court. In my experience, the best collective noun for the breed is a "thirst" of Australians. Failing an Australian resurgence, we should be grateful for the likes of Sánchez Vicario. The great thing about her, other than the impressive but still maturing ability, is that she is a smiler and a character. There are not a lot of those left. If she looks a little pensive at Wimbledon, make allowances for her thoughts of absent friends, especially the Yorkshire terrier who had to miss the trip.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Seeded players in capitals

Men's singles

Winner: £240,000
Runner-up: £120,000
Holder: S Edberg (Swe)
First round

D Pate (US) bt P Baur (Ger), 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
J McENROE (US) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
P Cash (Aus) bt J Tarango (US), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.
T Champion (Fr) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.
K Curren (US) bt F Roese (Br), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
A Volkov (USSR) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Unfinished matches

S EDBERG (Swe) leads M Rosset (Switz), 6-4, 6-4, 0-1.
A Castle (GB) leads G IVANISEVIC (Yug), 1-0.
P SAMPRAS (US) leads D Marcelino (Br), 6-1, 2-0.
C van Rensburg (SA) leads T Witsken (US), 6-1, 3-3.
H Skoff (Austria) leads G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 3-3.
M Kratzmann (Aus) level with S Stolle (Aus), 4-4.
J Grabb (US) leads N Marques (Por), 7-5, 3-3.
A Boetsch (Fr) leads B Dyke (Aus), 6-3, 4-4.

Women's singles

Winner: £216,000
Runner-up: £108,000
Holder: M Navratilova (US)
First round

S GRAF (Ger) bt S Appelmans (Bel), 6-2, 6-2
T Harper (US) bt C Porwik (Ger), 6-4, 6-1.
N Herreman (Fr) bt K Rinaldi (US), 7-5, 6-2.
Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Henricksson (US), 6-4, 7-6
R White (US) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-1, 6-1
J Durie (GB) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-3, 6-2
E Zardo (Switz) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 6-0, 6-3
M Strandlund (Swe) bt R Hiraki (Japan), 6-2, 7-6
E Pampoulova (Bul) bt B Borneo (GB), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Z GARRISON (US) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-3, 6-3.
A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt B Rittner (Ger), 6-1, 6-2.
A Coetzer (SA) bt F Romano (It), 7-6, 6-2
L McNeil (US) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-4, 7-5.
J-A Faull (Aus) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-0, 6-2
J WIESNER (Austria) bt H Cioffi (US), 6-1, 6-2.
L Savchenko (USSR) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-7, 8-6.
C Khode-Kilsch (Ger) bt B Griffiths (GB), 6-1, 6-3.
N Jagerman (Neth) bt M Oremans (Neth), 7-5, 6-4.
A Keller (US) bt L Golarsa (It), 7-5, 6-3.
M J FERNANDEZ (US) bt P Kamstra (Neth), 6-2, 6-4.
A Grunfeld (GB) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 6-4, 6-4.
M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Unfinished matches

H SUKOVA (Cz) leads G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-4, 0-3.

KEY

Arg: Argentina. Aus: Australia. Bel: Belgium. Br: Brazil. Bul: Bulgaria. Can: Canada. Col: Colombia. Cz: Czechoslovakia. Den: Denmark. Ec: Ecuador. Eire: Republic of Ireland. Fin: Finland. Fr: France. Ger: Germany. GB: Great Britain. Gr: Greece. HK: Hong Kong. Hun: Hungary. Indo: Indonesia. Isr: Israel. It: Italy. Ken: Kenya. S Kor: South Korea. Lux: Luxembourg. Mex: Mexico. Mon: Monaco. NZ: New Zealand. Neth: (The Netherlands). Nor: Norway. Pak: Pakistan. Par: Paraguay. Phil: Philippines. Pol: Poland. Por: Portugal. P Rico: Puerto Rico. Rom: Romania. SA: South Africa. Sp: Spain. Swe: Sweden. Switz: Switzerland. Thai: Thailand. Uru: Uruguay. US: United States. USSR: Soviet Union. Ven: Venezuela. Yug: Yugoslavia. Zim: Zimbabwe.

BOWLS

England sustain a final flourish

By Gordon Allan

ENGLAND, the holders, had another difficult match in the British women's international series in Belfast yesterday before beating Wales, 126-110. As with the England-Ireland games the day before, the score concealed interesting fluctuations. Wales took the lead around the threequarter mark but did not hold it for long, and England stretched away over the closing ends, winning on four rinks, losing on one, and drawing, 19-19, on the sixth when Mavis Steel, making her 101st international appearance, scored four shots on the last end against Stella Oliver.

Brenda Atherton and Margaret Norris, who were, respectively, lead and No. 2, to Margaret Heggie on Monday, changed positions yesterday, and their rink won after trailing against Betty Morgan. Barbara Fuller finished 13 up on Rita Jones and Norma Shaw had the edge over Ann Dainton. Wales's heroine was Janet Ackland whose rink accumulated 31 shots against Betty Stubbings.

Conditions had improved with the sun at times making it almost like a summer's day but the green continued to present a few problems, which England so far have got to grips with rather better than the opposition.

This morning they play the decider against Scotland who defeated Ireland with the greatest of ease, winning on all six rinks. Frances Whyte's rink rubbed it in by winning the last three ends, 6, 5, 3, against Nan Allely, who until then had saved numerous shots.

SCORES: England 126, Wales 110 (England skips first): N Shaw 20, A Dainton 12; M Heggie 20, B Morgan 16; B Fuller 28, R Jones 15; B Stubbings 13, J Ackland 31; M Price 26, L Parker 17, M Steele 19, S Oliver 19. Scotland 155, Ireland 82 (Scotland skips first): D Barr 22, P Nolan 10; F Whyte 30, N Allely 16; S Gourlay 29, M Barber 13; S McCrone 27, J Mulholland 15, H Mason 25, E Bell 7; J Lindores 22, M Johnston 21.

SWIMMING

Wilson heads strong team for Sheffield

By Craig Lord

A GREAT British exodus from the United States will boost the national team for the World Student Games next month, but the home-based Ian Wilson is likely to make the biggest splash.

The team, made up of 19 men and 12 women, includes ten internationals, among their number being four national record-holders.

Wilson is expected to provide Britain's finest aquatic moment at the Ponds Forge Sports and Leisure complex at Sheffield from July 15 to 21.

The Borough of Sunderland swimmer, who is reading business studies at Sunderland Polytechnic, was fourth in the 1,500 metres freestyle at the world championships in January.

He is using the Universiade as a springboard to the European championships in Athens in August, when he hopes to gain the upper hand over the two Germans who kept him from the medal rostrum in January.

Caroline Woodcock, the national 50 metres freestyle record-holder of Barnet Copthall and the University of Georgia, and Gary Binfield, of Maxwell and the University of South Carolina, will both be making their first appearances in Britain for several months. Nine other swimmers will travel across the Atlantic for the Games.

TEAM: Men: S Akers (Leeds University), G Binfield (University of South Carolina), J Bradley (Bath University), G Doughty (Loughborough University), A Fitzgerald (North Carolina State University), S Foggo (Newcastle Polytechnic), M Hooper (Portsmouth Polytechnic), C Jones (Cardiff College), R Leishman (University of South Carolina), S McQuaid (Loughborough University), M O'Connor (University of Georgia), P O'Sullivan (University of Georgia), D Parker (Coventry Polytechnic), A Rapley (University of Arkansas), A Rolley (Portsmouth Polytechnic), I Stewart (University of Georgia), K Walsh (University of Manchester IST), M Watkins (Gwent College), I Wilson (Sunderland Polytechnic). Women: G Atkins (Loughborough University), N Atkinson (University of Arkansas), A Baker (Norwich City College), N Cumbers (St Mark and St John, Plymouth), C Huddart (Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds), N Kennedy (Nottingham University), M Lock (Cardiff College), J Riegal (Lincoln University, Nebraska), S Smart (Leeds University), N Sommers (London University), H Walsh (Swansea University), C Woodcock (University of Georgia).

☐ Robert Morgan, the Commonwealth Games champion on the high board, returns to international competition next month in Vienna (July 5-7) and at Bolzano (July 10-11).

Morgan, a Welshman who competes for London's Highgate club, heads a team of five divers, including club colleague Tracey Miles.

TEAM: Men: J Arbon (Essex Cormorants), T Ali (Southend), R Morgan (Highgate). Women: T Miles (Highgate), L Ward (Highgate).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Isolation for Ford

STEVE Ford is in isolation in Perth with the viral complaint that struck him down during the Welsh rugby union team's flight to Australia on Sunday. He will miss this weekend's tour opener against a Western Australia side. "It's a bout of tonsilitis," Malcolm Downes, the Welsh team doctor, said.

Ford is expected to rejoin the main squad tomorrow when the side is announced. Tony Clement, hurt in training, and Mike Griffiths, suffering from a chest infection, will be expected to prove their fitness.

RUGBY LEAGUE: A leisure group consortium based in the south of England has expressed interest in buying Leigh, who are more than £1 million in debt.

CYCLING: Sean Yates, the Sussex professional, came third in a sprint finish to the seventh stage of the Tour of Switzerland. Luc Roosen, of Belgian, the race leader, retained his position, as did the fifth-placed Scot, Robert Millar.

BRIDGE: Britain's open team won its eighth successive victory in the European championships yesterday and was due to play the deciding match against Sweden. The women's team was lying second to Austria.

BASKETBALL: Trinidad and Tobago have joined Bahamas in withdrawing from the Commonwealth championships which begin in Edinburgh on Friday with six teams now in the women's tournament and eight in the men's.

FOOTBALL: Abdul Bhamjee, the man spearheading South African football's return to the international arena, has been arrested in Johannesburg on fraud, theft and corruption charges involving 6.5 million rand ($2.2 million) in connexion with screening rights for the World Cup last year.

FENCING: The British team for the World Student Games in Sheffield next month was announced yesterday.

TEAM: Men: Foil: N Payne (Queen Mary, London), M King (UCL), C Chin (Edinburgh Univ), A Griffin (Oxford Univ). Epée: I Jones (Manchester Univ), T Lindsay (St Andrews Univ), G Whyte (West London IHE), D McKernan (City Univ, London). Sabre: K Zavieh (Cambridge Univ), A Zahir (King's Coll, London), N Fletcher (Bristol Univ), S Potts (Bristol Univ). Women: Foil: L Harris (Wimbledon School of Art), A Ferguson (Manchester Poly), C Smith (Middlesex Poly), V Cramb (Glasgow Univ). Epée: C Read (Reading Univ), S Pierce (Salford Univ), H Nicholas (Buckinghamshire CHE).

GOLF: Catherine Bailey, of Tandridge, led after the first round of the English senior women's championship at Burnham and Berrow, Somerset, yesterday. Her two-under-par 73 put her three shots ahead of Anne Thompson, of Sleaford, the titleholder.

FOOTBALL

Maradona said to be cured

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter) — Diego Maradona, who is on bail on cocaine charges, has given up using the drug for good, his agent claimed yesterday.

"He has totally given up drugs and you can be sure he will never again fall back on them," Marcos Franchi, the agent, said.

The former Argentina captain was arrested on April 26 and later freed on bail of £12,500, after being charged with possession of cocaine and supplying the drug free of charge to others.

Since then he has been treated by a medical team at his Buenos Aires apartment, leaving only occasionally to go jogging, play paddle tennis or five-a-side football with friends.

Maradona has been banned from football at all levels until July 1992 for failing a dope test after a match in the Italian League in March.

He returned to Argentina in early April, saying he was fed up with professional football. Later that month he was arrested with two friends in a police raid on a flat in Buenos Aires.

Last Sunday an Italian League spokesman said a request made by Maradona on March 20 to end his contract with Napoli, after the former Italian champions stopped paying his salary and opened a case against him for damages, had been turned down. Napoli claimed huge losses in revenue as crowds at the club's San Paolo ground dwindled due to their captain's wayward behaviour.

Franchi, who was in Italy earlier this month to discuss terms for Maradona's eventual return, said last week the club had rejected a request to allow Maradona to travel to Argentina once a month to continue treatment.

"They should understand that Diego has started treatment and has changed his habits. Now it's up to them to change," Franchi said, according to the local *Noticias Argentinas* news agency.

Mountfield may change his mind

ANDY Gray's appointment as assistant manager of Aston Villa could persuade the unsettled central defender, Derek Mountfield, to stay with the club.

Mountfield, who has rejected three contracts offers, is a great admirer of Gray and the pair were team-mates at Everton during the mid-Eighties.

Mountfield, who will have further contract talks with his manager, Ron Atkinson, later this week, said: "Andy is a great competitor with a will to win. That should rub off on the team and give us more of a cutting edge.

"As a player he was a great motivator and if he can do the same as a coach, Villa will do well. I don't know how his appointment will affect me but I hope it will strengthen my position. I have said all along that I would like to stay but I'm not happy with what I've been offered so far."

New deals have already been agreed with the full back, Chris Price and midfield player, Gordon Cowans, while the club has taken up its one-year option on the central defender, Paul McGrath.

ATHLETICS

Slaney to face Murray at Crystal Palace

By David Powell
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

MARY Slaney, who received one of the highest fees paid in British athletics when she appeared in a 1985 made-for-television race against Zola Budd, is to compete in Britain for the first time since then. Aged 32, and making a comeback from injury, Slaney will line up against Yvonne Murray, Britain's European champion at 3,000 metres, in the Parcelforce Games 2,000 metres at Crystal Palace on July 12.

It was for her appearance at Crystal Palace, against Budd, that Slaney was paid £60,000. Slaney, then 1,500 and 3,000 metres world champion, proved better value; Slaney, from the United States, won, while Budd, who was paid £90,000, finished fourth. The American, who ran an impressive 4min 04.92sec 1,500 metres recently, is likely to receive some five per cent of her 1985 fee.

If Slaney and Murray draw the best out of each other, the world record of 5min 28.69sec, set by Maricica Puica, of Romania, at Crystal Palace in 1986, could be challenged.

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Champion survives scare before clinching an historic hundredth victory on her beloved centre court

Navratilova has reprieve as Reinach falters

By Andrew Longmore
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MARTINA Navratilova returned to her beloved centre court at Wimbledon yesterday to make another piece of history and left it thankful for the small mercy of victory. The defending champion beat Elna Reinach, of South Africa, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 to become the first player to win 100 singles matches at the championships, but as the statuesque South African led 4-3, 30-0 on her own serve in the final set, the books were being scanned for a rather less flattering record.

Never before had the defending champion been knocked out in the first round. Only once before, in 1974, had Navratilova been beaten in the first round at Wimbledon. The victor then was Mima Jausovec, a diminutive Yugoslav clay-courter, and Navratilova was aged 17, playing her second Wimbledon and not quite as famous.

The thought of defeat crossed Navratilova's mind at roughly the same moment the idea of victory entered Reinach's and the result was a predictable collapse of the South African, who had already been playing a game well beyond expectations.

From 30-0 down, Navratilova won 12 of the next 13 points to seal a victory that even she admitted was a little fortunate. At 30-30, a backhand clipped the top of the net and dropped apologetically over, leaving Reinach stranded on the baseline. "I was debating whether to serve and volley or serve and stay back," said Reinach. "I chose wrong. But luck goes both ways. She just happened to enjoy hers at a really important point."

Never one to look twice at a gift from above, Navratilova belatedly must have felt it was her day after all. "It was like Sisyphus — you know, the guy who pushed the rocks up the mountain. It was an uphill struggle the whole time, but you just have to keep pushing." From one legend to another, as it were.

Nerves undoubtedly played a part in Navratilova's surprising fallibility, just as they did in Reinach's final fall. From the first game, when she missed two volleys she would normally convert in her sleep, the champion was tetchy and ill-at-ease. The umpire was berated for not calling a halt when a slight drizzle began, even the ballboys were chastised for making a 34-year-old bend too much.

"I was all over the place emotionally," Navratilova said. "I thought that I was really going to enjoy this, then before I knew it, I'm a set down and in a battle. I let the occasion take over the fact that I had to play a match. That won't happen again."

But Navratilova had picked the wrong scapegoats. The real culprit was Reinach, who far from being nervous at playing her first match on centre court, responsed by raising her game to unparalleled heights.

She treated Navratilova's famed serve with disdain, leaving the champion looking at her shoelaces or throwing her head back in despair. Neither did much good. Reinach took the first set, the first Navratilova had lost since 1989, and if she had converted one of four break points in the opening game of the second set or taken advantage of three breaks of service in the third, the conclusion just might have been different. Only at the death did her nerve fail.

"I knew it would be her hundredth singles victory," Reinach said. "But it didn't occur to me that I could really beat her. I thought 'Here I am on centre court, this is the first time and I am giving her a run for her money'. I enjoyed it." To use a cricket analogy, Navratilova's century was reached with a desperate quick single, not a cover-driven four.

The centre court crowd had to be grateful too. Grey clouds loomed for most of the day and the decision to leave the starting time on the centre court and court one until early afternoon seemed supremely optimistic. By the time the defending women's champion had stepped onto centre court, the first winner of the day, Emanuelle Zardo, was back in the locker-room along with the first loser, Nina Miyagi.

Arantxa Súchez Vicariofollowed, the first seed through to the second round, while Barbara Griffiths became the first British player to fall, though there were good wins for Jo Durie and Amanda Grunfeld. The rain finally came in mid-afternoon, causing play to be halted for about an hour on centre court where Stefan Edberg was vainly trying to get grips with Marc Rosset in a match which was scheduled to begin on Monday, finally began yesterday and will very probably continue into today.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Angle poise: Steffi Graf leans into a backhand during her 6-2, 6-2 win over Sabine Appelmans, of Belgium

Defeatist angle loses to Durie

By Alix Ramsay

THERE was a cynical opinion circulating at Wimbledon on Monday that the rain would at least preserve the British challenge until the second day of the championships. Yesterday Jo Durie proved that she needed no such help as she cruised into the second round, beating Helen Kelesi, of Canada, 6-3, 6-2.

Kelesi, nicknamed Hurricane Helen for her hot-headed approach to the game, has won only one match at Wimbledon, but her clay-court record and world ranking of 19 make her a tough opponent.

Yesterday, however, she managed to make life as difficult for herself as possible, losing her serve five times, worrying about line-calls and at times appealing to the heavens for guidance.

Both players made their mistakes and holding serve in the first set proved to be something of a novelty. But Durie was the stronger, calmer player as Kelesi became more and more rattled.

For Durie, believing in herself is the key to success. "I know I'm capable of beating these players," she said. "I've beaten two players in the top 20 in the last two weeks, and it's nice when these results come along. I'm not a has-been yet."

Amanda Grunfeld started things off for the British contingent, beating Alexia Dechaume, of France, 6-4, 6-4, and setting up a meeting with Martina Navratilova in the next round. Climbing her way up the rankings after a back injury, Grunfeld has earned a reputation as a true battler and against Navratilova she will have to be. Still, the opportunity is, as she put it, "like a dream".

Sarah Gomer, with her right knee strapped up, lost the battle of the walking wounded as she went out 6-3, 6-3 to Zina Garrison, who is recovering from a pulled stomach muscle. Having waited most of the afternoon for the court to dry out, Gomer soon realised once play had started that last year's finalist was simply too good for her in every department.

Christopher Wilkinson put up a better fight against Thierry Champion, of France, before losing 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Wilkinson squandered his chance for a 4-2 lead in the first set against the laid-back Frenchman, and despite taking the third set never looked likely to take the match.

Against Elena Pampoulova, Belinda Borneo appeared to be heading for another British victory, steaming through the first set 6-2 and getting within a point for a 5-1 lead in the third. But her confidence evaporated as she contrived to lose the next four games and stumble out of the championships 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

☐ Play on centre court and court one today will start at 1pm. Play on outside courts will commence at 11am.

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Sober visions of high old times

SIMON BARNES

PERHAPS tennis is the most emotional of all games. Certainly it is a game that reserves its highest rewards for the player who can find a transforming level of inspiration at the direst moments the game can offer. If all points were worth the same, this would not be the case, but the scoring structure of tennis is geared to make some points more important than others, and others still the fulcrum on which a match, or even a career, will turn.

"I won it on emotion," Martina Navratilova said of her troubled three-setter yesterday. Boris Becker has the ability to produce his best shots when the going is at its toughest. John McEnroe, at his never-to-be-forgotten peak, was another: surely no one has ever played the game as gorgeously as McEnroe on a match-turning point.

McEnroe made his entrance to this year's tournament under a pouting sky on court two: the one the headline writers call The Graveyard of Champions. But it was his poor opponent, Jaime Oncins, a Brazilian aged 21, who got buried, as McEnroe strolled home 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

McEnroe looked rather stiff and uncoordinated, but then he always does. There is something rather pedantic about many of his movements, especially as he prepares to serve or to receive service. He looks as if he were trying to do exactly what his coach told him — odd that the spontaneous player most of us have seen should give that impression.

We had a parade of some of the traditional McEnroe mannerisms yesterday, including my favourite, the right-and-a-left stiff-armed face-wipe. But the most famous of all McEnroe-isms was not visible. There was no temper: there was scarcely a shred of emotion. There was scarcely any inspiration either.

It was not necessary against an overawed opponent who had resigned himself to being a sacrifical lamb — sacrificial giraffe is more accurate, for he is a lanky lad. It was Oncins who got emotional, going up for a good old whinge at the umpire, head cocked upward in that martyred, imploring fashion his opponent knows so well. What's Portuguese for "pits of the world"?

McEnroe was asked afterwards, slightly naughtily, if he found these little outburstettes from Oncins at all distracting. He said no. No professional would find his opponents' protests off-putting. "The game's changed now, and it is usually the person who does it that it affects the most," he said.

"It so happened that there was a time when this did not affect me," he said. Indeed, there were times when his protests were nothing less than inspiring. A glorious wave of self-righteousness would lift him to frenzied victories. For all that, he produced his greatest and most emotional tennis in response to the most inspired tennis from his greatest opponents.

"It's pretty important for me to keep calm on every point," he said. Even the official *Player Guide* in the press kit enjoys this anomaly of the ageing *enfant terrible*, quoting McEnroe as saying of his youthful tantrums: "It just doesn't give me the same thrill as it did when I was a kid." Perhaps even McEnroe himself sees the joke.

One wonders why he still plays: first-round loser a year ago, hardly a betting proposition this. Naturally, I have a theory. Every youth in the world not only believes he is immortal, he also believes he can be a world champion at anything he turns to. Some actually achieve it, like McEnroe, like Becker.

But is is only in maturity that they realise that what they have done is difficult: in fact, almost impossible. It is only by failing in later life that those wild, easy achievements of youth acquire meaning. By playing now — by playing calmly, without emotion, and losing — McEnroe can at last come to terms with the excesses and achievements of his youth.

Graf puts French sorrows behind

By Andrew Longmore

STEFFI Graf put the thought of her defeat at the French Open behind her yesterday as she beat Sabine Appelmans, of Belgium, 6-2, 6-2, to reach the second round.

Graf, like Navratilova on the centre court, was troubled by the slippery conditions as well as the wind, which at least kept the rain away for most of the afternoon. "I was really scared because I have fallen down once on a grass court and I had a bad injury about six years ago when I broke a finger and the tendon. I was very close to not being able to play again," Graf said.

Graf's exit from the French, beaten 6-0, 6-2 by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario amid accusations that her father Peter Graf had scuffled with a tennis "groupie" had revived memories of last year's Wimbledon which ended in defeat in the semi-final by Zina Garrison. But Graf has been practising hard for the past two weeks and seems determined to make up for recent disappointments by winning her third title. The only cloud on the horizon is Sánchez Vicario, who she could meet again in the semi-final.

"I'm not looking for who it is better to have in my draw or not. I just want to win this tournament, no matter what. If I play Arantxa again, I shall be more than happy, because I have prepared the best I possibly can," Graf said.

Graf now meets Mrs T. A. Harper, otherwise known as Peanut Louie, who ended a run of three consecutive first-round defeats with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Claudia Porwik.

Of 131 matches scheduled for the first two days, only 28 were completed.

Senna not happy with Silverstone

AYRTON SENNA, the world champion, yesterday praised safety improvements at the revised Silverstone circuit, but said he was dissatisfied with the track's surface."There are many places where the bumps are really too uncomfortable," he said during testing for the British Grand Prix on July 14.

"There are still some very fast places and at some I think the speeds may still be a bit too high. But generally the circuit is a lot safer than it used to be. It is a big improvement on the safety side generally, except for the asphalt.

Silverstone has spent £1.7 million on changes since last year, including the alteration of at least four corners.

"I think it would have been so much better if it did not have any bumps," Senna said. "This is quite possible, as we saw at the new circuit at Magny-Cours [in France] where the surface is quite fantastic."

Gerhard Berger, Senna's team-mate, liked the new layout. It had challenging high-speed corners and retained many of the characteristics of the old circuit, once the fastest in Grand Prix racing. He did not like the smooth new circuits like Magny-Cours because they lacked character and challenge.

Donnelly to return

MARTIN Donnelly, still recovering from the multiple injuries he sustained when he crashed at Jerez last September, hopes to return to grand prix racing next year. Donnelly, from Northern Ireland, aims to test a Formula One car in September.

Donnelly, who was unconscious for more than a month after the crash, said: "My only remaining problems are at the bottom of my left leg and I know it is going to take a long time. I am in no rush and obviously I do not want to let myself or my team down." He suffered multiple injuries when his Lotus, travelling at 160mph, failed to take a corner and went straight into steel barriers during qualifying for the Spanish grand prix.

Botham's fitness in doubt

IAN Botham will have a late fitness test before Worcestershire's NatWest Trophy first round match with Bedfordshire at Bedford today, a game in which he must play to have any chance of returning to the England team for the third Test at Trent Bridge.

Botham has been having intensive treatment on the hamstring injury suffered in the Texaco Trophy match against West Indies at Edgbaston five weeks ago. Since then he has helped Worcestershire win their Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final against Essex, winning the gold award for bowling figures of three for 11.

"We won't do what we did against Essex by playing him when he is less than 100 per cent fit," Mike Jones, chairman of the Worcestershire cricket committee, said yesterday. "We all know how much he wants to play for England, but it would be silly for Ian to rush back and risk aggravating the problem."

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Weather is ruining British title hopes

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PETER Elliott cracked a joke yesterday about the British weather, but behind his laughter was a serious message. "I think someone has been up there and stuck a cork in the ozone layer," he said.

If this miserable weather continues, maybe not many British athletes will be popping corks from champagne bottles this season.

Elliott, the Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion, was among several athletes and leading coaches voicing their worry over the effect the weather is having on training. Ultimately, of course, that means damage to performance.

At least Elliott was training. Steve Backley, the European javelin champion, was on the treatment table, injured and out of the European Cup this weekend. Sidelined, perhaps, by the British climate.

On Sunday, he tore an adductor muscle in a leg at a meeting in Loughborough, where the weather, typical of most meetings this summer, was cold and damp. "Steve's injury could have been due to the cold," Terry Newsome, Backley's physiotherapist, said.

"He had been training in New Zealand and Lanzarote and, when you come back to this, the body does not like it. The skin temperature drops, the muscles constrict and you get injuries."

Rotherham has been no different from Loughborough or, for that matter, Cardiff, Crystal Palace and Belfast, where the three main meetings of the domestic season so far have taken place to a fanfare of brollies.

Elliott said that one session of 800s had been altered to 300s because of the wind and rain in Rotherham. "I have had to change my training, and it's very frustiating," he said.

It is frustrating psychologically as much as physically. "When you look in your training diary to see the times you were doing last year, you start to think you are not in shape," Elliott said.

Roger Black, the European 400 metres champion, said: "Kriss [Akabusi] and I went to do a session of two runs of 350 metres and it was so windy, and raining, that we had to change the session."

An athlete's legs need to be familiar with speed. "There was no benefit in running into a wind," Black said. "We changed the session so that the farthest we ran was 200s with the wind behind us."

As Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, said: "A lot of people see speed as an entity, like strength, but speed is a sophistication of technique. You have to get the right technique co-ordinated at increasingly greater speed and you need favourable conditions for that."

Elliott: training trouble

It was time, Dick said, that Britain addressed the problem of its paucity of indoor facilities. Black felt he was disadvantaged by the lack of a nearby indoor centre.

Dick said: "Because of the generosity of local authorities and the initiatives of sports councils, we now have an embarrassment of outdoor facilities.

"But we need indoor facilities. You do not reach double figures if you are counting the number of adequate indoor centres in the UK."

John Isaacs, Britain's national sprints coach, bemoaned the loss of the indoor facility at Haringey since April. That is where John Regis, the European 200 metres champion, and Tony Jarrett, the winner of the silver medal in the 110 metres hurdles in the last European championships, train.

Sprinters have the greatest requirement for warm weather and, when it is not there, they desperately need an indoor option.

"We are suffering really badly," Isaacs said. "It is affecting the guys' attitude in training and their performance. In training, you want to reach race peformance levels and, when you get adverse weather, you are never able to get to that.

"For sprinters, quality is the most important thing. The quality must be 95 per cent but, when the weather is adverse, you are functioning at 50 or 60 per cent so you are not getting as great a training effect.

"If the weather was good, we might be doing 60-metre runs in 6.5sec, which is our target time for 100 metres in 10sec. In this weather, you would be lucky to do 7sec."

Norman Poole, national coach for 800 and 1,500 metres, is personal coach to Diane Edwards and Ann Williams, the Commonwealth Games 800 metres gold and silver medal winners.

He said: "One session is three 600s with 15 to 20 minutes' recovery but, if it's raining and athletes are getting cold, we change it to a continuous session. Instead of being speed endurance, it becomes aerobic endurance. It could have an effect on performance."

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